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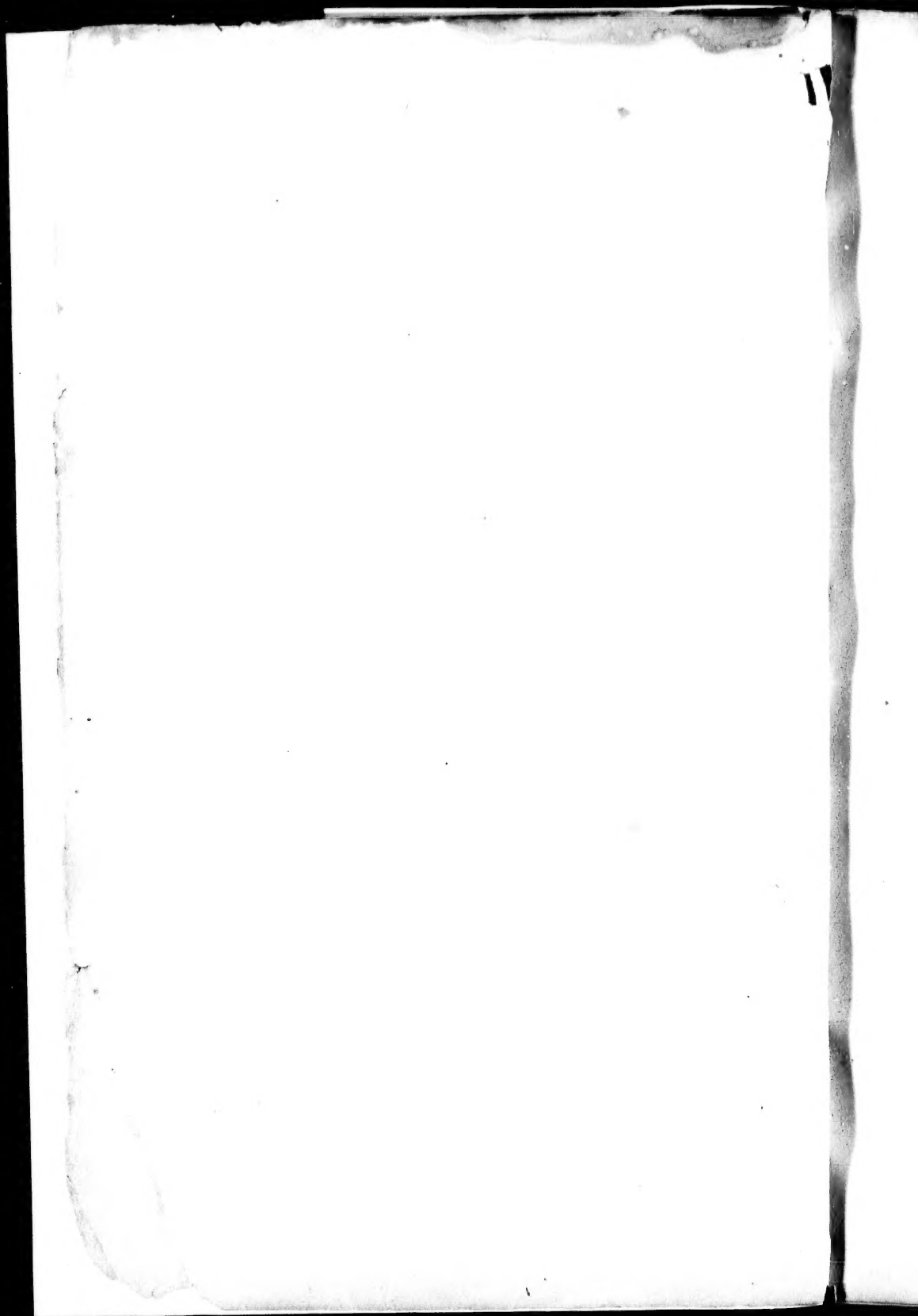
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Pastors :—

THE REV. HENRY WILKES, D.D., LL.D. Appointed 1836.
The REV. CHARLES CHAPMAN, M.A. " 1870.

Church and Deacons' Secretary :—

GEORGE CORNISH, M.A.

Deacons :—

ALEXANDER, CHARLES.	LYMAN, THEODORE.
BAYLIS, JAMES.	RITCHIE, JOHN.
CLARK, JAMES P.	SAVAGE, ALFRED.
CORNISH, GEORGE.	VENNOR, HENRY.
DOUGALL, JOHN.	WOOD, JOHN.
LYMAN, HENRY.	WOOD, PETER W.

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JOHN RITCHIE, Mountain Street School.

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Young Men's Association :—

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Ladies' Missionary Association :—

MRS. WILKES, *President.* MISS SAVAGE, *Secretary.*

Ladies' Dorcas Society :—

MRS. WILKES, *President.*

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PREFATORY REMARKS.

In the year 1856, a hand-book, entitled a "Manual," was prepared and printed for the use of the Members of the Congregational Church assembling in Zion Church, containing *inter alia* brief annals of the movements and experience of the Church from the date of its organization. Several Year-Books have been printed and circulated throughout the Membership since that period, together with Reports and Annual Accounts. As the pastor from 1836 to 1871 is retiring from the more active and responsible duties of his office, it has been thought desirable that he should bring up such "brief annals" to date, and that being added to the former, the whole should be printed in connection with the Year-Book for 1870.

Attention is invited to certain Documents and Notices with which all the Members of the Church should be familiar, not only for their own guidance, but that they may afford correct information to others. The Notices are on pages 7 and 8; the Documents will be found in the Appendix.

NOTICES.

1. The Public Services on the Lord's Day are at the hours of eleven o'clock, A. M., and seven o'clock, P. M.

2. The Weekly Prayer-Meeting is held in the Lecture Room every Wednesday evening, at 7.45 in Winter, and 8 o'clock in Summer. That following the first Lord's Day in the month is devoted to Missions. Missionary intelligence is communicated. The Monthly Meeting of the Church is on the Wednesday evening preceding the Communion Sabbath.

3. On the Friday evening prior to the first Lord's Day of the month the Preparatory Lecture is delivered. These services, except the Church meeting, are all public and not exclusively for the Church.

4. The Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday of every month, at the close of the Morning Service. Baptisms are usually attended to on the second Sunday in the month.

5. The Sabbath-School, and connected therewith, in separate rooms, the Infant Class, and Male and Female Bible Classes, meet every Lord's Day, at three o'clock, P.M.

6. The mode of the allotment of sittings or pews, and of assisting in the support of the Gospel, is described on pages 45 to 47 of this Manual.

7. The Pastor (unless absent from town) attends in the vestry (entrance from rear of the church) after the evening service of Sunday, and on every Monday from three to four, P. M. He may also be visited at his own house on the evenings of Wednesday and Saturday, from 6.30 o'clock. This appointment is made for the purpose of conversation with inquirers, or applicants for membership; and for all who desire to see him on any subject. Should any one be unable to visit the Pastor, and yet desire an interview with him, the expression of that desire, either sent to the vestry, dropped into the collecting bag on Sunday, or into the Post Office any day, will receive the requisite attention.

8. Applications for membership with the Church may be made to the Pastor at any time.

9. The sick, whether of the Church or Congregation, are expected to send for the Pastor or one of the Deacons, as the latter have no other method of becoming at once acquainted with cases of sickness or affliction.

10. It is desirable that an acquaintance with the Deacons should be sought and cultivated, and they will be happy at all times to impart advice and counsel at their own houses.

11. Persons who change their residence should notify the Pastor of the fact.

12. Members of the Church leaving the city should take with them a testimonial from the Pastor, and should pay careful attention to the Resolution of September, 1848.—(*See Annals*, 1848.)

BRIEF ANNALS.

FROM 1832 TO MAY 10TH, 1871, INCLUSIVE.

The Reverend Richard Miles, late in connection with the London Missionary Society in South Africa, having had his attention turned to Canada by Mr. Wilkes, then in England, left that country for Montreal, where he landed at the close of September, 1831; and on the first Sunday in October commenced his ministry in Mr. Bruce's School Room, McGill Street, until a large room in the Mansion House, College Street, obtained and fitted up mainly through the exertions of Mr. Joseph Savage, who from the first took a lively interest in the movement, could be prepared. On the 18th December, that room was opened for public worship by appropriate religious exercises, and the pews were rented.

1832.

A Sabbath-School was commenced under the superintendence of Mr. Joseph Savage.

July 6th, the Church was duly organized; fifteen members, including the Minister and his wife, solemnly agreed to the following declarations:—*

1. "We, regarding each other as brethren and sisters in the Lord, do hereby form ourselves into a Christian Church of the Congregational Pædobaptist order, professing the doctrines of faith in unison with those contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism, and usually denominated Calvinistic."

2. "We do hereby resolve, in the strength of Divine grace, to walk with each other as a Christian Church in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord."

* Their names were:—Rev. Richard Miles and Mrs. Miles; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Savage; Mr. and Mrs. J. Christie; Mr. Craik; Mr. James and Mrs. Connell; Mr. George and Mrs. Savage; Mr. John Gibson; Miss Jackson; Mr. P. Freeland; Mr. James Barnard.

It was agreed to celebrate the Lord's Supper together for the first time on Lord's Day, 8th July, and thereafter on the first Lord's Day of every month. It was also agreed, "That those Church Meetings, *when Members are to be received, shall be open* for any seriously disposed persons to attend to witness the order of a Christian Church, such persons to be introduced by those who are already members. All other Church meetings to be private."

There were added to the original fifteen members, prior to the close of the year, twenty-one names.

1833.

A Building Committee was appointed on 1st February, to take measures for the erection of a church building in St. Maurice Street. A plan of social prayer-meetings at the houses of the members was adopted. Added to the Church during the year, eleven. The Sunday-School was superintended by Mr. Savage.

1834.

The Church Building proceeded. The Lord's Supper was for a few months observed in the evening instead of in the forenoon. Added to the membership, seventeen. Mr. Archibald Duff was Sunday-School Superintendent.

1835.

The Church Building in St. Maurice Street was solemnly dedicated and opened in February. The first of April was observed as a day of fasting and prayer, with three services. On the 17th of that month seven Trustees were elected; on the 29th, two Deacons, viz., Mr. George Savage, Sen., and Mr. J. Christie. These are the *first* transactions of the kind in the Church. August 26th, the Pastor resigned his office, for the purpose of removing to the country, and on 30th September a Committee was appointed to obtain a successor, Mr. Miles continuing to officiate until that object was attained. On 4th October, the Church resolved to invite Rev. Henry Wilkes, M.A., of the University of Glasgow, Scotland, who was then pastor of the Albany Street Church, Edinburgh, to the pastorate, and to ask him, should he decline, to unite with others in endeavors to procure a suitable

successor to Mr. Miles. Mr. Joseph Savage, being in Great Britain during the ensuing winter, materially aided in effecting the arrangements that were made.

The Sunday-School was superintended by Mr. Archibald Duff.

1836.

Early in the year a day was set apart for special prayer, in view of the circumstances of the Church. Soon after, Mr. Wilkes' acceptance of the call was intimated, and that in connection with the pastorate he was to come out as the pioneer and corresponding agent for Canada, of the new Missionary Society for the Colonies to be formed in May, in connection with the Congregational Union of England and Wales. Mr. Joseph Savage and Mr. James Barnard were chosen Deacons, Mr. J. Christie having resigned. Mr. Archibald Duff, Superintendent of the Sunday-School, was recommended as a student for the Christian Ministry. He proceeded to Scotland, where, having prosecuted and finished his studies, he settled as pastor.

In August, after assisting at the formation of the Colonial Missionary Society in London in May, Mr. Wilkes arrived at Montreal, and immediately proceeded on a missionary journey through the Western Province as agent of said Society. On Lord's Day, October 2nd, he commenced his pastorate. The Church Roll at that date presented a membership of forty-eight; the additions prior to said date had been five. The regular congregation was from 100 to 150. The debt on the building was £1100. It was without galleries, without vestry, and the basement was partly rented for storage. The Sunday-School was superintended by Mr. Alfred Howson.

N. B.—The further statistics in relation to membership are calculated for the pastoral year, and are taken from the Pastor's notes of Annual Sermons on first Lord's Day in October each year.

1837.

The question as to the observance of the Lord's Supper weekly instead of monthly was carefully considered by the Church, and it was decided to be inexpedient to disturb the present arrangement. Two days of special devotion were observed,

one at the beginning of the year and the other in November. A course of Sabbath evening lectures, nineteen in number, on the Lives of Jacob and Joseph, was delivered. There were two Branch Sunday-schools, one at Cote des Neiges and the other at Petite Cote. The Pastor preached in the afternoon, occasionally at Cote des Neiges and regularly at Petite Cote. Pastor absent several weeks on missionary journeys. Mr. Alfred Howson Superintendent of Central School. Admitted to the Church, by profession, 17; by letter, 18; total, 35. Income:—pew rents, £110; collections, £70; subscriptions, £108;—leaving a deficit of £29 to make up the £317 required for current expenses.

1838.

The Pastor was relieved from the agency of the Colonial Missionary Society west of Kingston, by the arrival of Rev. John Roaf at Toronto, last autumn. This year and every subsequent year, the Pastor made missionary tours of more or less extent, but confined, except where afterwards specified, to Canada, east of Kingston. Mr. John Keller was added to the diaconate. At midsummer, Mr. Alfred Howson, Superintendent of the Sabbath School, was recommended as a student for the Christian Ministry, and proceeded to England, where, after completing his studies, he settled as Pastor of a Church. In April, a day of special devotion was observed, and also December 7th was appointed by the Church as one of fasting and prayer, a protest being voted against the terms of the Governor's proclamation, which assumed *authority* in the matter. A course of thirty-seven Sunday morning lectures, on the Epistles of Peter, was continued from 1837. A course of Sunday evening lectures was commenced on Adam, Eve, and the First Family, seventeen in number, extending into 1839. The Church employed and supported a Catechist in the Township of Bury, newly settled by English immigrants, during this and three following years. Mr. Learmont became Superintendent of the Sunday-school, after Mr. Howson's departure. Admitted to Church, by profession, 11; by letter, 5; total, 16.

1839.

March 19th was observed as a day of special devotion, and there was preaching on that and three successive evenings, Mr.

Miles assisting. This was the first *series* of special services. Galleries were erected, at a cost of £250, to be paid by the pew-rents obtained from them. While closed in order to this erection, the congregation worshipped with the American Presbyterian Church on Sabbath morning, and were favoured with the use of their building for Sabbath evening service. Nine Sunday evening lectures were delivered on Noah and his Times. A course of thirty-six lectures on our Lord's Parables was completed. Mr. Learmont, Superintendent of Sunday-school. Admitted to Church, by profession, 10; by letter, 14; total 24.

1840.

One day of fasting and prayer in January, and Lord's Supper observed after the evening service. Twenty-nine expository lectures, on First Epistle of John, were commenced, extending into 1841. Mr. Learmont, Superintendent of Sunday-school. Admitted to Church, by profession, 10; by letter, 23; total, 33.

1841.

Messrs. Henry Vennor and John Wood were elected Deacons. Forty-three Sabbath evening lectures, on the Life and Labours of the Apostle Paul, continued, being commenced in 1840, and extending with intervals into 1843. Mr. Alfred Savage, Superintendent of Sunday-school. Admitted to Church, by profession, 7; by letter, 8; total 15. £700 of the debt on church building paid off by a special effort. Income:—pew rents, £128; collections, £97; subscriptions, £105; total, £330,—exclusive of rents of gallery pews, which were set against their cost. The whole debt reported:—old, £107; galleries, £170; vestry, £100; deficit, £43; total, £420.

1842.

Three days of special devotion observed; one of them in the middle of March, followed by two weeks of special services, the Pastor being assisted by Rev. J. J. Carruthers. The Pastor was absent six weeks in the autumn, on a tour through New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, on behalf of the Colonial Missionary Society. Mr. Carruthers supplied the pulpit. Messrs. Robert Robinson, John Bowles, Chas. McKay, and Norman McLeod,

were recommended as students for the Christian Ministry, to our newly-formed academical institution in Montreal. Ten Sunday evening discourses, on "Religion in relation to the several stages of human life." The Sunday-School Society formally organized with constitution, by-laws, &c. Infant Class formed, and Bible Class revived. Mr. J. Dougall and Mr. H. Lyman superintended Central School. Admitted to Church, by profession, 23; by letter, 24; total, 47. Income:—total pew rents, £188; collections, £106; subscriptions, £117; total, £411. Debt reported as the same, and that £92 had been expended on repairs.

1843.

Twelve visitors appointed to go in pairs for religious conversation with every Member of the Church, reported February 1. A plan of district meetings, resulting from the general expression of desire, was adopted, and carried on with more or less success for several years.* Soon after, seventeen members, including the four students, and Mr. Joseph Savage, Deacon, were dismissed, in order to be formed into a second Congregational Church, under the pastorate of Rev. J. J. Carruthers. Nine others speedily followed, and at intervals a number of additional names were transferred. February 20th was observed as a day of special devotion, followed by a series of services every morning and evening of the

*The twelve districts were speedily reduced to seven, the others being found either pre-occupied, or capable of being joined together. At the end of five months the reports from them were as follows:—

1. Griffintown, 20 meetings; aggregate attendance of 503; average, 30.
2. Lachine Road, 17 meetings; aggregate attendance, 310; present average, 12.
3. St. Lawrence Suburbs, 17 meetings; aggregate, 528; present average, 35.
4. St. Lawrence Suburbs north, 18 meetings; aggregate, 196; present average, 12.
5. St. Louis Suburbs, 14 meetings; aggregate, 295; present average, 20.
6. Quebec Suburbs, 17 meetings; aggregate, 300; present average, 12.
7. Quebec Suburbs, 17 meetings; aggregate, 300; present average, 25.

In them all a considerable amount of visiting was done. In none had the interest diminished after five months. At the time of the report 150 persons were in weekly attendance. But the places of meeting were interfered with by removals in May. Districts were afterwards somewhat modified; and at length, though some continued several years, the effort gradually ceased altogether and has been superseded by the employment of City Missionaries by several of the Churches, and by the Young Men's Christian Association.

week. August 2nd, arrangements as to the service of song in the house of the Lord were confided to a Committee composed of the Deacons and six others, who were instructed to provide a judiciously chosen musical instrument, to be employed simply as an aid to the voice in congregational singing. Nineteen Sunday morning lectures, on Epistles to the Seven Churches of Asia, extending into 1844. A Branch Sunday-school was opened in the Quebec Suburbs, where the Pastor held an afternoon service every alternate Sabbath. The Branch Sunday-school at Cote des Neiges relinquished. Mr. H. Lyman, Superintendent of Central School. Admitted to Church, by profession, 19; by letter, 19; total, 38. Died, 2; dismissed, 29; total membership, 175. Income:—pew rents, £174; collections, £87; subscriptions, £64; total, £325. The organ was not paid for from the current expenses fund.

1844.

A day of special devotion was observed in April, followed by a series of services every evening in the week. In May, Messrs. John Dougall and David Savage were added to the Deacons. Measures were adopted for the erection of a new and much larger church edifice in a more eligible situation, and in June the lot of land in Radegonde Street was purchased. It was agreed to from the beginning, that the pews should not be rented, but should be free; though, for convenience, allotted to families and individuals, and that the entire support of the institution should be by subscriptions, as far as practicable, weekly. (See Appendix A., p. 45.) Mr. Henry Lancashire and Mr. Robert Swinton were recommended as students for the Christian Ministry. Eleven Sunday evening discourses, on "The Cross of Christ in its relations." Mr. S. Jones Lyman, Superintendent of Central School. Admitted to Church, by profession, 18; by letter, 14; total, 32. Dismissed, 14; total membership, 190. During the eight years' pastorate, it appeared from the annual sermon that one hundred members had been dismissed in all the forms of dismission. Income:—pew rents, £175; collections, £117; subscriptions, £72; total, £364.

1845.

A series of special services was held, extending from April

8th, which was observed as a day of fasting and prayer, to April 24th. In July, the hymn book, compiled by Rev. T. Atkinson, of Quebec, was adopted. In September, the Church assented to the request of the French-Canadian Missionary Society, to spare the Pastor for a month, that he might visit the United States for the Society. Eight lectures, on "Life of Abraham" and "The Covenant," and seventeen on "The Strongholds of the Adversary and the means of their overthrow." Branch School at Petite Cote closed, because room was rented for another purpose. A Branch Sunday-School organized in Mountain Street under superintendence of Mr. Learmont. Central School reported an attendance in April of 209 scholars and 25 teachers; Mr. S. Jones Lyman, Superintendent. Admitted to Church, by profession, 15; by letter, 9; total, 24. Died, 2; dismissed, 15; total membership, 201. The erection of Zion Church proceeded during this year.

1846.

Day of special devotion in January. A series of week evening services in April. Mr. Barnard resigned office of Deacon. Nine discourses, on the more important Points involved in the Socinian and Arian Controversy, were delivered to extremely crowded audiences.

September 16th was set apart as a day of special prayer, in view of a speedy occupancy of the new building. The plan of allotting seats, and for raising funds (see Appendix A., p. 46,) was formally adopted and ordered to be printed for general use. Messrs. William Roy and Charles Alexander were elected Deacons. On the 8th November, Zion Church was solemnly dedicated; sermons by the Pastor, the Rev. Robt. McGill, A.M., of St. Paul's Church, and the Rev. Matthew Richey, A. M., of the Wesleyan Church; crowded audiences. After prolonged consideration, the plan of a Standing Committee was adopted to take the initiative and recommendation to the Church in all cases of reception, dismissal and discipline of members. A brick school-house was erected by the School Society, in Mountain Street, and publicly opened 21st December. Attendance, 47 scholars. A day-school was also opened and maintained for more than a year. Mr. Henry Lyman, Superintendent of Central

School. Admitted to Church, by profession, 23 ; by letter, 8 ; total, 31. Died, 3 ; dismissed, 31 ; total membership, 207.

N. B.—At the opening of the Zion Church, it was set forth from the pulpit, and by a printed circular, that the erection of the building had been undertaken largely with a city and home missionary intent ; that the numerous strangers who visited the city, and all residents in it, might have free access to its seats, without any fear of being considered intruders.

1847.

Day of special devotion in January. Mr. John Wood, Junior, recommended as a student for the Christian Ministry. Twenty-one lectures, on the Miracles of our Lord, were delivered. The Sunday-School Society dissolved, and the Sunday-School Committee of the Church, consisting of Pastor, Deacons, and Teachers, organized. This made the Sunday-School formally a part of the machinery of the Church, to be sustained from the fund for current expenses. Mr. T. M. Taylor, Superintendent of Sunday-School. Admitted to Church, by profession, 19 ; by letter, 5 ; total, 24. Died, 2 ; dismissed, 12 ; total membership, 217. Amount raised for current expenses, £720.

1848.

A fortnight's special week-evening services in March. After much consideration it was resolved, in consequence of numerous engagements of many of the members, to hold only one regular week-evening service from 1st May to 1st November. In a subsequent year this was extended to the whole year. The Missionary Prayer-Meeting (Monday), and the Quarterly Conference Meeting, were to be additional. These meetings were afterwards excluded from the position of exceptions. To meet a difficulty arising out of the floating nature of our population, and the frequent carelessness of members, it was, after mature deliberation, resolved, on September 28th, "*To erase from the Church Roll, from time to time, those who have permanently removed from the city, and who do not within ONE YEAR after such leaving, seek a letter of dismissal to some other Church ; the erasure in every instance to be by order of the assembled Church, which can decide on cases for exception.*" In after years, it was ordered that a month's notice of such erasure should be given.

Messrs. J. C. Beers and Henry Lyman were elected Deacons. Thirteen discourses, on "The Future State, and Man in his relations to it." Central Sunday-School, 159 scholars in attendance. A Juvenile Temperance Society formed in it, 143 members. Mr. T. M. Taylor, Superintendent. Mountain Street Branch Sunday-School, 33 scholars, 8 teachers. Admitted to Church, by profession, 12; by letter, 17; total, 29. Died, 3; dismissed, 16; total membership, 227. The Pastor visited St. John, New Brunswick, this year, for the Colonial Missionary Society. Amount raised for current expenses, £620.

1849.

The Pastor was requested by the Church, and by the Colonial Missionary Society, to visit England and Scotland for some months: (he was absent seven and a half months.) The result was the collection of £1,000 sterling, for the liquidation of the debt on Zion Church, the whole property being in imminent danger of being lost to the congregation, on account of claims due, and unlooked-for commercial embarrassment utterly crippling the resources of the people. Prior to his departure in March, a day of special devotion was observed and much prayer offered for the success of the movement. Mr. Vennor was appointed to preside at Church Meetings during the absence of the Pastor. On his return in November, a large social meeting was held, to which an account of his proceedings, and of his brief visit to the European continent, was given. During the year, Mr. John Keller, Mr. D. Savage, and Mr. Wm. Roy, left the deaconship by removal to other Churches. The plan of communion cards was adopted, to commence with 1850. Seven discourses, on "Duties of Church Members," were delivered. Resolved to relinquish the Mountain Street Branch Sunday-School. Mr. T. M. Taylor, Superintendent of Central School. Pastor, on his way home, again visited St. John, N. B., on behalf of the Colonial Missionary Society. Admitted to Church, by profession, 8; by letter, 2; total, 10. Died, 2; dismissed, 16; total membership, 219. Amount raised for current expenses, £500.

1850.

Early in April, a day of fasting and prayer; and every Wednesday evening, until May, was made a special service. Seven discourses, on the Sabbath; and a series of expository lectures, on the Epistle to the Hebrews was commenced in July, and extended at intervals over several years. Mr. T. M. Taylor, Superintendent of School. At the close of this year, the Deacons presented the first of an intended series of Annual Reports, this embracing in some particulars the last four years. It was mentioned in the annual sermon, that eight and a half years ago there were 134 in fellowship, that there had been since received 243; thus leaving 190 who during that period had passed away in all the forms of dismissal. The Deacons' report stated average attendance of 185 scholars in Sunday-School, and 25 teachers. Amounts received to defray current expenses in support of the Gospel in 1847, £720; 1848, £600; 1849, £500; 1850, £525. The ladies had raised by weekly collections, sale of work, soirees, &c., since May, 1848, the sum of £317 towards the debt. The amount of debt on the building reported was £3,112. The whole amount contributed during the year by the congregation, *exclusive of* subscriptions to the general catholic societies in the city, £1,006. Admitted to Church, by profession, 11; by letter, 7; total, 18. Died, 3; dismissed, 45; total membership, 183.

1851.

3rd of January was observed as a day of fasting, &c. At the close of a series of Sunday evening discourses on points involved in the Unitarian controversy, two days, April 11th and 18th, were set apart for special devotion. The intervening evenings of the week, and on to the 25th, were occupied with special solemn services. A gracious revival was vouchsafed. In June, 24 were received by profession into the Church. Deacons' report stated 300 scholars on roll in Sunday-School, with 43 teachers and officers; but average attendance had been 197 scholars, 32 teachers. Largest attendance during the year, 255 scholars. Mr. T. M. Taylor, Superintendent. Contributed for support of Gospel, £556, for debt, £240, for Missions, &c., local and foreign, £260; total, £1,062. Debt reported at £2,911. Admitted

to Church, by profession, 31 ; by letter, 4 ; total, 35. Died, 2 ; dismissed, 6 ; total membership, 214.

1852.

Two days of special devotion during the year, and one week of consecutive religious services. Mr. James Boyd recommended as a student for the Christian Ministry. A brief series of discourses addressed to Jews ; the series on Hebrews continued ; seventeen, on " Life and Times of Moses," extending into 1853. Admitted to Church, by profession, 6 ; by letter, 9 ; total, 15. Died, 3 ; dismissed, 14 ; total membership, 212. Deacons' report stated 250 scholars on roll of Sunday-School, with an average attendance of 199, and of teachers, 36. Library of 500 volumes. Mr. T. M. Taylor, Superintendent. Contributed for support of Gospel, £568 ; for debt, £178 ; for Missions, &c., &c., £383 ; total, £1,129. Debt, £2,760.

1853.

Day of special devotion in February. Admitted to Church, by profession, 7 ; by letter, 14 ; total 21. Died, 7 ; dismissed, 20 ; total membership, 207. Deacons' report stated average attendance of scholars in Sunday-school, 158 ; and of teachers, 29 ; Mr. A. F. Sabine, Superintendent. Contributed for current expenses, £529 ; for debt, £404 ; for New Testaments for the Chinese, £219 ; sundry other missions and charities, £320 ; total, £1,470. Debt, £2,403.

1854.

United prayer-meetings in different Churches for one week in February, the next week a series of special services in this Church. Mr. J. C. Beers resigned the office of Deacon. December 8th observed, in conjunction with other Churches, as a day of fasting and prayer, in relation to the severe visitation of the cholera during the year. A course of eleven lectures, on Jesus Christ. Another course of lectures addressed to young men. Admitted to Church, by profession, 12 ; by letter, 10 ; total, 22. Died, 6 ; dismissed, 4 ; total membership, 219. Deacons' report stated that the Pastor had compiled the following

table from the Church roll, which forcibly illustrates the fluctuating nature of our population, the date being the close of the year. It appeared that of the original Members of the Church only one remained in fellowship, and she absent from the city. Of those admitted in 1832, there remained two now in fellowship, and the remnant left of those admitted year after year, stands thus:—2 of 1833, 5 of 1834, 5 of 1835, 5 of 1836, 6 of 1837, none of 1838, 9 of 1839, 11 of 1840, 4 of 1841, 22 of 1842, 7 of 1843, 8 of 1844, 6 of 1845, 10 of 1846, 8 of 1847, 10 of 1848, 3 of 1849, 9 of 1850, 36 of 1851, 7 of 1852, 17 of 1853, 22 of 1854. On Sunday-school Roll, 232 scholars, 37 teachers and officers; average attendance, 156 scholars, 29 teachers; Mr. A. F. Sabine, Superintendent. Contributions for current expenses and repairs of building, £750; for debt, £90; for Missions, &c., local and foreign, £401; total, £1,240.

1855.

Messrs. Alfred Savage, T. M. Taylor, and J. McWatters, were added to the number of Deacons. A day of special devotion early in the year, and a day of Thanksgiving observed, in connection with other Churches, at the close of the year. Admitted to Church, by profession, 6; by letter, 9; total, 15. Died, 3; dismissed, 16; erased, 3; withdrawn from as disorderly, 1; total membership, 208. Deacons' report on Sunday-school Roll, 240 scholars, 37 teachers and officers; average attendance, 160 scholars, 32 teachers; Mr. A. F. Sabine Superintendent until September, since then Mr. James Baylis. Contributions for current expenses, £657; Fellowship Fund, £42; Missions, local and foreign, and various charitable objects, £645; total, £1,344.

N. B.—Of those named as "dismissed," in the foregoing Annals, *twelve* were excommunicated, and upwards of *twenty* names were erased in accordance with Resolution, September, 1848.

1856.

Day of Special Devotion on Good Friday; much spiritual interest among the young in the families of the Church was reported. On 4th June, a day of Public Thanksgiving, a united meeting was held in Zion Church: Rev. Donald Fraser preached.

A Service was held on the morning of Christmas-Day, and a collection made for the "Charity Fund." The plan of monthly communion cards having proved a failure was discontinued. Admitted to the Church, by profession (largely from the young members of the families of the Church), 18; by letter, 10; total, 28. Died, 4; dismissed, 15; erased, 2; withdrawn from as walking disorderly, 1; total membership, 214. Mr. James Boyd, a member of the Church, ordained as an Evangelist. Deacons' report on Sunday-school roll, 240, with an average attendance of 160. Largest number in attendance on any one Sabbath, 212. Teachers, 30. Mr. James Baylis, Superintendent. Contributions for current expenses and improvement in the Church Building, £980; Fellowship and Charity Funds, £47; Missions, home and foreign, and various charitable objects, £603; Total, £1,630. A recess was made in the rear wall of the Church as a place for the Organ, and a new Organ was presented by a few friends.

1857.

This year there were continued Social Church Conference Meetings on the Wednesday evening before the Communion. During summer they ceased. Good Friday was observed as a day of special devotion; and early morning prayer-meetings were held during a fortnight in April. In November, a Public Fast Day was observed, the pastor preached, and a collection was made for the sufferers by the Indian Mutiny. The Christmas Service was held, but attendance being thin, it was agreed to discontinue it. The death of Deacon McWatters, by drowning, while bathing, called forth an appropriate resolution of the Pastor and Deacons, expressive of their high appreciation of his character and services. The Congregational Union of Canada met here in June, and through the liberal action of members of the Church, the Congregational Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund was inaugurated. The Pastor and Mr. T. M. Taylor, Deacon, went in July to the Maritime Provinces, as a deputation in the name of the Colonial Missionary Society of England. This year was marked by grievous and wide-spread commercial convulsion and ruin all over the Continent, from which Canada

did not escape. Received on profession, 16; by letter, 19; total, 35; five of the first-mentioned were from the Sunday-school. Dismissed by letter, 15; erased, 5; died, 2; increase, 17; total membership, 231. Mr. W. H. Clare received thanks for his long-continued gratuitous services as choir-leader.

For various church purposes, including current expenses, there was contributed £1,726. The Charity and Fellowship Funds received £40. For Missions and other objects, £634, making a total of £2,400. The average attendance at the Sunday-school was reported as 174 scholars, 30 teachers. Mr. James Baylis, superintendent.

N.B.—The total debt on the Church Building, after the return of the Pastor from England, in 1850, when £1,000 was paid off, amounted to £3,351; which, during the seven intervening years, had been reduced at the average rate of nearly £200 per annum. £2,000 is now the amount. A comparison of contributions to the current expenses fund, between 1847 and 1857, was made by Mr. J. P. Clark, secretary of the trustees, thus:—

1847.				1857.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
First Quarter - - -	127	5	8	First Quarter - - -	165	2	7
Second " - - -	140	11	9	Second " - - -	172	10	6
Third " - - -	129	2	3	Third " - - -	126	17	0
Fourth " - - -	159	19	4	Fourth " - - -	273	12	3
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1858.

The effect of the commercial depression above noted was felt throughout this year. Mention is made, however, of increased Sunday morning congregations, and an improved attendance at the weekly prayer meeting. Spontaneous praying was introduced, but the unreadiness of the brethren was complained of. Special services, chiefly of a devotional character, were held daily for a fortnight, in the spring. The remarkable and widespread revival in the U.S. is mentioned. No series of meetings held in this Church theretofore were of equal and continuous interest. In the occasional absence of the Pastor on missionary or denominational work, the kind services of Rev. Professor Cornish (who united with the Church this year), in supplying the pulpit, are gratefully noted. Admission on profession, 20;

by letter, 17; total, 37. Dismissed, 10; erased, 3; died, 3; increase, 21; total membership, 251. Sunday-school Report encouraging. On roll, 250; average attendance, 194. Teachers, 35; average attendance, 30. Mr. Henry Vennor, Superintendent. This year the change from the old Halifax currency of £ s. d. into dollars and cents was made. Contributions for Denominational objects, \$1,062. Catholic Missionary and other objects, \$2,073. Current expenses, \$3,121; total, \$6,256.

1859.

The lower portion of the Church building being fully allotted and occupied, a transfer to the galleries was urged upon volunteers that room might be made for new comers. At the Annual Social Meeting in March, \$200 was collected for Missionary work at Constantinople. Special Devotional Meeting on 23rd March, largely attended. Lecture Hall greatly improved without adding to the debt. The question of a new Hymn Book was introduced. Admissions to the Church on profession, 20; by letter, 21; total, 41. Dismissed, 11; erased, 2; died, 3; increase, 25. The entire membership in October was found to be 274. Average attendance of scholars in Sunday-school, 222; of teachers, 35. Mr. Henry Vennor, Superintendent. Contributions for Zion Church objects, \$3,968. Denominational objects (including \$1,100 to begin Cong. Min. Wid. and Orph. Fund) \$1,821. Home objects, catholic in their nature, \$1,460. Foreign Missions, \$888. The following resolution was adopted, after several months' consideration of the subject:—

“In view of the manifold evils to the individual and to society flowing from and associated with dancing, whether in public or private parties, it cannot be regarded among professing Christians as one of the things that are ‘lovely and of good report,’ When they indulge in the practice, their brethren are grieved and discouraged; dishonor is brought upon the name of Christ; the world scornfully jeers at the inconsistency, and there is such ‘conformity to this world’ as proves a stumbling-block to many souls. The Church, now assembled in ordinary meeting—without pronouncing on the possibility of so conducting the practice as to make it an innocent amusement, and without making any rule or regulation in the matter—records with all solemnity its conviction, that, in the existing state of society in this city, its members ought carefully to abstain from the practice personally; that they ought to

withhold their countenance from it; and that they should not give to it the sanction implied in admitting the practice into their habitations. The opportunity is further embraced of urging avoidance of other social practices which are prejudicial to the influence of the Christian upon the world."

1860.

Two days of humiliation and prayer were observed, one in January, the other in December. The former was followed by a series of united prayer-meetings; the latter was preceded by the Public Day of Thanksgiving. In November of 1859 two members of the Church engaged Mr. John Gray as City Missionary, paying his salary for a year, intending that he should work partly at Cote des Neiges and partly in the district in St. Joseph Street and neighborhood assigned to this Church in a division of the city and suburbs into districts by an agreement among all the Protestant Churches—except Episcopal and Kirk, who declined to unite—made the year previously, as the result of a visit by the Rev. H. Newcombe, Brooklyn, N. Y., who urged on the Churches systematic visitation from house to house, in order to secure the attendance of children at Sunday-school, and of all at the House of Prayer. During this year a good work was carried on by Mr. Gray in the above-named district—the Cote des Neiges part of the intention having failed of fulfilment. The Church rented a building; a Sunday-School of from 80 to 100 scholars was conducted; services on Sunday and Tuesday evenings were held with an encouraging attendance. After the first year Mr. Gray's support was provided by the Church—the before-mentioned two members subscribing liberally. The Week Evening Service in the Lecture Room mentioned as improved in attendance and spirit. "The Sabbath Hymn Book" was introduced. Admitted on profession, 7; by letter, 21; total, 28. Excommunicated, 1; suspended, 2; erased, 5; dismissed, 12; died, 5; increase, 5; total, 279. Contributed for current expenses, debt, and other church purposes, \$5,444; Denominational efforts, \$946; Home and catholic objects, \$1,824; Foreign missions, \$1,574: total, \$9,788. Sunday-School prosperous. Pupils, 350, with attendance of from 250 to 270. Teachers 40. An increased number in the senior classes. An adult class organized. Semi-annual sermons to the children by the Pastor. Mr. H. Vennor, Superintendent.

N. B.—It is mentioned that the arrears to the Current Expenses Fund were only \$112, owed by eleven persons.

1861.

In June the Congregational Union of Canada asked Dr. Wilkes to visit England in furtherance of the Home Missionary Work of the Denomination, and for a more perfect understanding with the Colonial Missionary Society, and the Church was requested to spare their Pastor for this object. The matter being left by Dr. Wilkes entirely in the hands of the Church, the proposal was declined after prayerful consideration, "in view of the large growth of the congregation, and the interesting spiritual condition of the Church." The 25th Anniversary of the Pastor's Settlement was celebrated by the presentation of a testimonial—silver water-pitcher and stand—and an address. His reply reviewed the history of the Church from its organization in 1832. The occasion was one of much interest. A course of seven lectures on the Second Advent of our Lord not pre-millennial was delivered. The Suburban Mission School and Preaching Movement is reported as successful. Children 44. Preaching at the Tanneries, under management of Rev. Prof. Cornish, and at St. Joseph Street. Attendance about 50 in each place. The cost for rent and Mr. Gray's salary, \$650 per annum.

Sunday-School very prosperous—a number of the pupils having united with the Church. Average attendance for three quarters, 270; the last quarter, 300. Bible and infant classes well sustained. Mr. Henry Vennor, Superintendent. Admitted to the Church on profession, 27; by letter, 22; total, 49. Dismissed by letter, 8; by discipline, 3; died, 4; increase, 34; total membership, 313. Contributions to our own Church objects, \$5,674; Denominational, \$824; Home and catholic, \$1,312; Foreign Missions, \$1,241: total, \$9,051.

1862.

Deacons reported this 31st year of the Church's existence and 26th of the present pastorate as the most prosperous, both in pecuniary and spiritual interests, of any that had gone before. They note that the building had become too strait for the congregation, and that new pews had been placed where there was available space. The Pastor visited England and the Continent of Europe,

being absent from April to nearly the close of September. A few members of the Church presented him with a sum of money to assist in defraying travelling expenses. Rev. Professor Cornish, K. M. Fenwick, F. H. Marling, R. K. Black, of Canada; Dr. Worcester, of Salem; and for single Sabbaths, Revs. W. H. Lord, of Vermont, Shaufler, of Turkey, and Hastings, of New York, supplied the pulpit. Though several of the Deacons were absent as well as the Pastor, the attendance at both Sunday and week-day meetings was unusually large, and all the machinery of the Church ran prosperously without jar, or difficulty, or loss. On his return Dr. Wilkes delivered on an evening of four successive weeks, descriptive lectures containing an outline of his journeys, and observation of men and things. The failure of the system adopted for some years of collecting by means of cards in the pews, is mentioned, and the desire expressed of attaining some system by which all might have an opportunity of contributing to the various objects and yet the labour of calling on individuals might be saved.

April 4th.—It was resolved, "*That members absenting themselves from Communion, without satisfactory reason, for a period of six months, shall, by such absence, exclude themselves from the fellowship of the church; and their names, after notice, shall be taken off the Roll.*"

Two Social Meetings were held, and a Ladies' Visiting Committee appointed. Great improvement in the Psalmody is mentioned and thanks are expressed to its conductors. Sunday-school prosperous, several scholars having avowed themselves on the Lord's side. Mr. J. W. Howes, Superintendent.

The Suburban Mission was discontinued, as the Presbyterians had stepped in and were erecting a Church Building near the spot where our services were held. Mr. Gray went to the Maritime Provinces. The preaching station at the Tanneries was continued for several years afterwards. Collections and balance of Fellowship Fund, amounting together to \$300, was remitted to England for the relief of the distressed Lancashire operatives. Admitted on profession, 23; by letter, 23; total 46. Dismissed by letter, 10; discipline, 1; erased, 2; died, 3; increase, 30; total, 343. Mention is made of the reception of a number into the Church from year to year, whom the Pastor baptized in their

infancy. Contributions to our own Church objects, \$7,828; Denominational, \$872; Home and catholic, \$1,698; Foreign Missions, \$1,100; Total, \$11,498.

1863.

Messrs. J. W. Howes and William Learmont were elected Deacons. Meetings were held in relation to increased accommodation, in which provision should be made for the Congregational College of B. N. A. about to be removed hither from Toronto. The whole debt extinguished; pleasant social meetings held. The Pastor had conducted general visitation by means of numerous short calls in one day, and a meeting within the district in the evening for conference and worship. The year noted as specially prosperous in every sense. Admissions on profession, 62; by letter, 29; dismissed by letter, 17; died, 2; erased, 2; increase, 70. It was ascertained that the total membership amounted to 408. Sunday-School had on its roll 408 names. Average attendance, 308. Officers and teachers number 53. Mr. J. W. Howes, Superintendent. The Mission School removed to Mountain Street. The Tanneries occupied as a preaching station. Attendance about 35. Contributions for current expenses and extinction of debt, \$7,773; Denominational objects, \$1,030; Home and catholic objects, \$1,761; Foreign Missions, \$1,404; total, \$11,968. At the Annual Meeting held 13th January, 1864, a purse of \$209 in gold was presented to the Pastor, with an address.

1864.

On the 20th April, after two devotional meetings, eleven A.M., and three P. M., a crowded meeting of the Church and congregation, called after fourteen days' notice, unanimously authorized the trustees to enlarge and improve Zion Church building, and to proceed to the erection of a suitable branch edifice in the north-east section of the city. Subsequently, a co-operative committee was appointed in relation to Zion Church, another in relation to the north-east proposed erection, and another to consider plans for extending westward. The Mission in St. Catherine and St. Elizabeth Streets was placed in the hands of the second-named committee, charges to be borne by the Current Expense

Fund, but not to be incurred without consent of the Trustees. Several brethren were charged with obtaining, and communicating at the Missionary Prayer-Meeting, information on specified fields of labor, two of them to occupy each 15 minutes at each meeting. The Pastor delivered a course of nine lectures on "Thoughts and Facts concerning the Bible." After the Pastor had completed the visitation of the eight districts, the Deacons engaged to visit in them. Admission on profession, 10; by letter, 18; total, 28. Dismissed by letter, 14; died, 4; erased, 1; increase, 9; total membership, 417.

Sunday-School prosperous. Mr. Howes, Superintendent. Scholars on roll, 394. Number of scholars over sixteen years of age, 118. Teachers and officers, 55. School in Mountain Street, scholars 32; teachers, 7. St. Catherine Street, Mr. F. E. Grafton, Superintendent: scholars, 47; teachers, 13. Contributions for Church work, \$5,620; Church extension and organ, \$5,350; Denominational objects, \$970; Home and catholic, \$1,500; Foreign missions, \$814; total, \$14,254. The Tanneries Mission continued under Mr. J. R. Dougall. The students aided also in the St. Catherine Street Mission.

1865.

The Church was re-opened after enlargement in March; discourses by Rev. T. S. Ellerby, of Toronto, and Rev. Dr. Jenkins, of this city. Accommodation increased by 200 sittings. Vestries in rear, and commodious access also from that part as well as the front. A large portion of the cost was met by special subscriptions. The plan for a North-East Church Building failed for want of subscriptions. But in December the Sunday-School Committee took up the matter, and a Mission Church Building Board was formed, whose efforts afterwards resulted in the erection of the Eastern Congregational Church, in Amherst Street. This year the Pastor added to his other labours those of the Professor of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics in the College, gratuitously rendered, and Rev. Prof. Cornish, in the same manner, fulfilled the duties of the Chair of Exegesis. Mention is made of excellent attendance at Weekly Prayer-Meetings, and of the visitation of the membership by the Pastor. In the absence of Mr. Howes, Mr. Vennor superintended the Central Sunday-School.

On roll 396; largest attendance, 333; smallest, 132; additions to school, 59. 119 of the scholars are 16 years or over. Teachers and officers, 55. There are 50 classes. Semi-annual sermons and Missionary Meetings as heretofore. The Mission School, Mountain Street, Mr. J. Ritchie, Superintendent: average attendance, 28 scholars, 7 teachers. St. Catherine Street Mission continued; report not very encouraging. Ladies' Missionary Association reports collections amounting to \$408, and their great loss in the removal of Miss Lyman from the city, who had been from its commencement one of its most useful members. The total cost of enlargement and improvement of church building was \$8,158. The sum of \$6,688 was subscribed by twenty-one persons. There remained a small debt. Contributed for Church objects, exclusive of the above, \$4,765, and collected of above subscriptions this year, \$550; Denominational objects, \$981; Home and catholic objects, \$1,825; Foreign Missions, \$1,257; total, 9,378.

The following resolution in relation to cases of bankruptcy of any members of the Church was after mature consideration adopted, December 1, 1865:—

“That in view of an experience of a number of years of this Church, during which its action in the matter of the bankruptcy of its members has been varied, it is now declared, as its opinion, that it is not expedient as a rule to investigate cases of bankruptcy, and that such cases shall only be taken up either upon request of the bankrupt, or as rendered necessary by public fame adverse or injurious to the character of the bankrupt; in such latter cases it is hereby declared to be the duty of the brethren, who know of such public fame, to report the same to the Pastor, in order that, both for the sake of the bankrupt and the Church, the case may be brought up for due investigation.”

1866.

The thirtieth year of the pastorate. A Church Secretary appointed to relieve the Pastor from care of the minutes. Mr. Samuel N. Jackson was ordained to the Ministry. A daily special prayer-meeting was held for a fortnight, commencing 2nd April, from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. In his Annual Sermon the Pastor mentioned that the first decade had been one of steady growth. Beginning with 48 members it ended with 201. There had been admitted, on profession, 153; by letter 142; total 295; and there

had passed from the roll, 142. The experience in St. Maurice street had been happy. The second decade had been one of struggle and anxiety, beginning with a debt on Zion Church, just entered, of \$18,000; and though receiving, on profession, 127, and by letter, 85, total, 212, no fewer than 202 were taken away, leaving a net increase of only ten, or one a year. But the debt was greatly diminished. The third decade, like the first, had been one of great advance. Beginning with a membership of 212, it was closed with 426. There had been received, on profession, 209; and by letter, 219; total 428. There have been removed 208, and a net increase of 220 was mentioned. The debt had been all paid off. The Sunday-school Report comprehending Central, Barré St. Branch, St. Catherine St. Branch, and Wolfe St. Mission Schools, was very encouraging. \$2,000 had been subscribed partly by the school and partly by members of the Church for the purchase of a site, and Amherst street was at length chosen. Attendance at the four schools averaged 423, and of teachers 81. The numbers on the roll were much larger. Admissions to the Church, on profession, 9; by letter, 19; total, 28. Dismissed by letter, 23; died, 5; erased, 3; cut off, 2; leaving a decrease of 5; total membership, 426. Contributed for Church objects, \$5,890; Denominational objects, \$1,419; Home and catholic objects, \$1,565; Foreign Missions, \$880; Total, \$10,014. A private effort through the Church and Congregation by Mr. B. Hutchins, resulted in the gift of \$1,000 to the Pastor, as a testimony of affection and a memento of the completion of thirty years in office and work.

1867.

The "Week of Prayer" was observed, two evenings being devoted to union prayer-meetings. The St. Catherine Street effort was relinquished. Concentration of effort resolved in favour of Wolfe Street, and if friends could be procured, Barré Street to be pushed forward. The duty of the Deacons was defined:—"To assist the Pastor in the spiritual oversight of the Church, and keep the Church Records; and it was ordered that the Secretary of the Deacons be also that of the Church." It was agreed to devote the Wednesday evening previous to the Communion to

the business of the Church, receiving reports, admission of members, &c. It was resolved :—" That the duties now performed by the Standing Committee be united with those of the Deacons, and that the number of the latter be increased to twelve." All committees were instructed to report to the Deacons for communication to the Church at its monthly meetings. Messrs. P. W. Wood, Theodore Lyman, and James P. Clark, were added to the Diaconate. In May the Church resolved :—" That an organization be formed, to be called, meanwhile, ' The Eastern Section of Zion Church.' " Afterwards, Rev. S. N. Jackson, continuing to minister, one or two were appointed to aid him in the admission of members, and in working out the design of the temporary organization. The purchase of the site in Amherst Street was effected. A Young Mens' Association was formed in connection with Zion Church. The Deacons reported in favour of securing the services of a co-pastor, for sundry reasons that were inserted in the Annual Report. The General Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations for the whole continent met in Zion Church in June. At the end of that month the Pastor left for England, on a short visit, returning in September. During his absence, on the 28th July, the church building was destroyed by fire. It was immediately resolved to rebuild. Many kind offers of temporary accommodation were made by other churches, for which thanks were communicated ; but the offer of the American Presbyterian Church to unite the two congregations temporarily in their new, large and commodious church building was accepted, and all needful arrangements were made, financial and otherwise. After four months, entrance was effected into the Lecture Hall of Zion Church, which had been greatly improved, and made capable of seating 700 persons. On removing from the American Presbyterian Church, the following resolution was adopted :—

" Before removing to their own Church home, the Congregation of Zion Church beg to express to the Pastor, Elders, Trustees, and Members of the American Presbyterian Church, their deep sense of obligation to them for the generous kindness and courtesy uniformly shown them during the past four months, in which, by their invitation, the two congregations have worshipped together. The disastrous fire which gave occasion for this exercise of fraternal sympathy has not, therefore, proved an unmingled evil. It is hoped that the bonds of mutual

Christian regard have been strengthened, and the spiritual life has been and may yet be produced from the united services of the Lord's Day and those of the week evening. The Congregation of Zion Church fervently implore the rich blessing of the Great Head upon their brethren of the American Presbyterian Church."

Admitted to membership on profession, 10; by letter, 24; total, 34. Dismissed by letter, 15; otherwise, 2; died, 9; increase, 8; total membership, 427. Average attendance Sunday-School scholars during first six months, 265; of teachers, 45. During absence from its usual home, the school ranged from a minimum of 66 to a maximum of 223. Teachers from 26 to 43. On the last Sunday of the year, the first of the school's return to its home, the attendance, which had been on the 21st 197 scholars, was on that day increased to 269, indicating abiding love and interest. Mr. Theodore Lyman, Superintendent. Barrie Street School, Mr. J. Ritchie, Superintendent. Average, 33 scholars; 7 teachers. Wolfe Street, Mr. Jardine, Superintendent. Average, 100 scholars; 14 teachers. Contributed for Church objects, \$4,607; Denominational objects, \$1,430; Home and catholic objects, \$1,300; Foreign Missions, \$358; total, \$7,695.

1868.

Six members of the Church were added to the Deacons, to constitute the Church Committee. Its functions are absolutely restricted to recommendations to the Church; it assumes no authority whatever. The arrangement which required the Secretary of the Church to be one of the Trustees was rescinded. The restored church-building was re-opened in May, with public services, in which the Revds. Professor McVicar, George Douglas, Rev. Dr. Jenkins, and the Pastor delivered discourses. There had been a debt contracted, owing to certain extensive repairs and improvements, the need of which had not been foreseen. Before entering, the plan of pew rents, *versus* the arrangement adopted for upwards of twenty years, was well considered, and subjected to much discussion, the result being a decision to continue the present plan by the following resolution:—

"This Church, recognizing the scriptural character of the method of raising the necessary funds for the maintenance of the ordinances of God's House, and the prosecution of the work of the Church by the free-will offerings of the people, and having in view the success which has

attended the working of this method in this Church during the past twenty years, desires to reaffirm, and hereby does reaffirm, its confidence in and adherence to the plan of voluntary contributions and free seats, as adopted by this Church on September 16th, 1846, and instructs the Trustees to allot the pews and sittings in the repaired building in accordance therewith."

The following regulations were announced by the Trustees:—

(1) No family to hold an entire pew, if too large for complete occupation, as all unoccupied sittings will be filled by further allotment. (2) Pews and sittings which have for some time been unoccupied without notice given, shall be considered vacant. (3) Unoccupied sittings are, as heretofore, free to strangers, subject to the discretion of those officers of the Church who may direct them. (4) All regular occupants of sittings shall, on allotment, be requested by the Treasurer to name to him what sum they are able to give towards the support of the Church, in which they are expected to have a conscientious regard to the liberal supply of funds for the requirements of the Church. (5) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to urge on all to contribute WEEKLY, and to solicit such weekly contributions, not only from heads of families, but also from every individual member. (6) But no such contribution can, in any case, be considered by the Trustees as giving any vested rights in any pew, or in any sitting, or part of any pew, all of which are declared to be the property of the Church only. (7) The carpeting of pews, except in the galleries, must be of one uniform pattern, which has been selected by the Trustees (to be had of Mr. J. Baylis); and in all parts of the Church the linings of pews must be of crimson damask only, the cushions of the same material. These will be undertaken by the Trustees where desired, and at the expense of the party so ordering it to be done.

N.B.—Applications for pews and sittings must be made to the Treasurer, but information may be obtained from the Sexton as to what pews and sittings are available.

The alterations in the interior of the building, on its reconstruction, admitted of the preparation of an appropriate and convenient room for the College Library and Lectures. Mr. J. P. Clark, Chairman of the Trustees, reported the work of rebuilding complete, including a number of valuable improvements, especially in the lecture-room; but a considerable debt had been unavoidably contracted, necessitating the borrowing money on the security of the property. Admission to the Church on profession, 7; by letter, 23; total, 30. Dismissed in various ways, 27; died, 3; total, 30;—leaving the total membership unchanged in number, 427. Sunday-schools, three in

number, have on the roll 630, with an average attendance of 358. Of 72 teachers, there was an average attendance of 60. Mr. Henry Vennor, Superintendent of Central School ; Messrs. Jardine & Ritchie, Superintendents respectively of the Schools east and west. Contributions for Zion Church institutions, \$9,371; Denominational objects, \$1,819; Home and catholic objects, \$5,518; Foreign Missions, \$730; total, \$17,438.

1869.

The Eastern Congregational Church was opened on 28th Feb. The cost was \$7,600. Rev. H. J. Colwell, who had followed Rev. S. N. Jackson in Wolfe street, was appointed minister until May, 1870, and temporary arrangements were made, after mature deliberation, having in view on the one hand the City Missionary character of the work to be done, and on the other the gradual development of church life, so as to become in due time an independent organization. Average attendance at the services morning and evening was 75; the membership grew from 16 to 25. There was contributed by the congregation the sum of \$278. The Young Ladies' Mission of the Parent Church made the valuable present of a Cabinet Organ. The report bears testimony to the piety and zeal of Mr. Colwell. The Western Mission is reported as occupying a room in Mountain street, with a Sunday evening service, conducted for the most part by one of the students. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday, and Social meeting on Thursday evenings.

Dr. Lillie having suddenly died at the commencement of the College Session, the Church consented to their pastor undertaking as many of his duties as practicable, the widow receiving the salary. Service was held on Christmas-Day. Admission by profession, 16; by letter, 14; total, 30. Died, 3; erased, 3; excommunicated, 1; dismissed by letter, 32; decrease, 9; total membership, 415. Zion Church Sunday-school, 300 scholars, 46 teachers. Amherst street Church, scholars, 130; teachers, 16. Mountain street, scholars, 50; teachers, 10.

The Young Men's Association made a gratifying report. They were very helpful in aiding the Committee of Arrangements for the reception of the Congregational Union, and received

the thanks of the Church therefor. Contributions for Church objects, \$5.182; Denominational objects, \$1.448; Home and catholic objects, \$1.192; Foreign and other Missions, \$644; total, \$8.466.

1870.

Reported by Deacons and Church Committee as among the most momentous years in the history of the Church. *Vide* the Report, p. 60. The Pastor was, in June, appointed Principal and Professor of Theology, &c., of the Cong. Coll. of B. N. A., and immediately thereafter relinquished his stipend from the Church for the "retiring allowance" which had been voted to him. The details are given in the above-named report. It contains also memoranda of the reception of members during the 34 years' pastorate. On profession, 548; by letter, 536; total, 1,084. There have been marriages, 446; Baptisms, 863; Burials, 583; Members of the Church deceased, 109; dismissed by letter, 441; dropped from the roll as per Resolution of Sept., 1848, 63; excluded from fellowship, 21; total, 634. A Committee was appointed of members about to visit England—namely, Messrs. Henry Lyman, J. P. Clarke, and Hugh Cochrane, and also Professor Cornish was requested to accompany them at the Church's expense, having in view the finding a suitable gentleman for the office of Associate Minister. The Rev. W. L. Alexander, D.D., Rev. Alexander Hannay, and Mr. J. C. Lonsdale, were asked to co-operate. The result was, correspondence with and a call to the Rev. Charles Chapman, M.A., of Bath. From the end of August to the close of the year, the pulpit has been supplied for the most part once a day, and sometimes twice, by the Pastor. The second service has been usually conducted by Rev. Professor Cornish, the senior students, and others; and Church and Congregational work has proceeded as usual. Admissions from Oct. 1, 1869 to Dec. 31, 1870:—On profession, 26; by letter, 29; total, 55. Dismissed by letter, 31; erased, 4; excommunicated, 2; died, 8; total, 45. Increase, 10; total, 429. There were added 21 names in addition, forming the Eastern Branch Church, who, by arrangement, became members, the branch organization being dissolved. The Rev. John Fraser was appointed, July 1, to take charge of the Eastern section, and by the end of the year,

such was the progress, that measures were in contemplation to organize it into a distinct church. In the month of March the Church unanimously elected Professor Cornish, James Baylis, and John Ritchie, to supply vacancies in the diaconate. They were duly set apart. The Ladies' Missionary Association devoted their energies and funds chiefly to City and Home Mission work. The Young Men's Association reported a successful year. Sunday-schools, Zion Church : Scholars, 315 ; Teachers, 49. Amherst street : Scholars, 150 ; Teachers, 18. Mountain street : Scholars, 86 ; Teachers, 12. Volumes in the three libraries, 1,335. Contributions for Church objects, \$12,950 (including \$5,885 for Shaftesbury Hall) ; Denominational objects, \$1,720 ; Home and catholic objects (including \$3,800 to McGill University), \$5,965 ; Foreign Missions, \$574 ; Total, \$21,209.

TO 10TH MAY, 1871.

Admitted on profession, 16, of whom 11 belonged to the congregation in Amherst street ; and by letter, 9 ; total, 25. There were dismissed by letter, 55, of whom 41 were set apart as the Eastern Congregational Church, by appropriate services conducted by Dr. Wilkes, on the 12th of February. There have died during this period of less than $4\frac{1}{2}$ months, five members, and two names have been erased. On the 3rd May, the Rev. Charles Chapman, M.A., and family, arrived here in good health from England, and took possession of the furnished house temporarily provided for them by the Church. He addressed the Church at the Lord's table on the 7th, and was installed by appropriate services on the 10th. The Rev. K. M. Fenwick, of Kingston, preached a sermon of very great ability on the words " Watch ye." Mr. Chapman made a statement of much interest ; and the Rev. Archibald Duff, of Sherbrooke, and the Edward Ebbs, of Ottawa, addressed pleasantly the minister and the people. The Rev. John Fraser offered the Installation prayer. The Rev. J. Munro Gibson, M.A., of Erskine Church, gave a welcome in the name of the city churches generally. Dr. Wilkes presided. The Church-roll having been carefully revised, the number of the names was found to be 403.

N.B.—On the 11th May, a social meeting was held in the Lecture Hall of the Church and Congregation, and the members of the Eastern Congregational Church, to welcome Mr. Chapman. So large was the response to twenty-two invitations sent to the Ministers of the City, that sixteen were present, in addition to those from a distance, who had taken part in the services on the previous evening. The Deacons availed themselves of the opportunity of presenting an address to Dr. Wilkes, in relation to his long pastorate, read by Mr. Henry Lyman, to which he responded at some length, adverting particularly to past days. Mr. Baylis, accompanied by a number of young persons of both sexes, came forward and read an address to Dr. Wilkes, presenting a token of regard and affection from the members of the church and congregation, which had been resolved upon and accomplished within the week, being a silver salver with an inscription, and upon it \$1,200 in gold—made up by a lady friend immediately after to \$1,250; and, in addition, as an expression of love towards Mrs. Wilkes, a very large album for the photographs, to be afterwards supplied, of the members of the church. The meeting was addressed by Revds. Dr. Jenkins, and Gavin Lang, of the Kirk of Scotland; Drs. McVicar and Burns, and J. M. Gibson, of the Canada Presbyterian Church; Mr. Wells, of the American Church; Messrs. Potts and Clarkson, of the Wesleyan Church; Mr. Ebbs, of Ottawa; and Mr. Chapman. Rev. A. Duff, of Sherbrooke, concluding with prayer. Mr. Charles Alexander, deacon, presided.

PASTORS OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. RICHARD MILES ; settled July, 1832 ; resigned Aug., 1836 ;
died, March, 1855.

Rev. HENRY WILKES, D. D., LL.D. ; settled, October, 1836.

Rev. CHARLES CHAPMAN, M. A. ; settled, May 10, 1871.

DEACONS OF THE CHURCH.

George Savage, April 9, 1835 ; died, July 21, 1845.

James Barnard, Feb. 3, 1836 ; resigned in 1846 ; died, March
27, 1854.

Joseph Savage, Feb. 3, 1836 ; dismissed to 2nd Church, Feb. 1,
1843.

John Keller, Jan. 17, 1838 ; dismissed to 2nd Church, March
13, 1849.

Henry Vennor, April 7, 1841.

John Wood, " "

John Dougall, March 2, 1844.

David Savage, " " ; removed from city, 1848.

William Roy, Oct. 27, 1846 ; " " 1849.

Chas. Alexander, " "

Henry Lyman, Dec. 29, 1848.

Jas. C. Beers, " " ; resigned, Dec., 1853.

Alfred Savage, February 21, 1855.

John McWatters, " " ; died 1857.

Thos. M. Taylor, " " ; resigned April 29, 1869.

William Learmont, October, 1863 ; died January, 1868.

Joseph W. Howes, " " ; dismissed to Boston, May, 1871.

P. W. Wood, March 27, 1867.

Theodore Lyman, " "

James P. Clark, " "

James Baylis, March 2, 1870.

John Ritchie, " "

Rev. George Cornish, M.A., March 2, 1870.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE BECOME MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL.

- Rev. Archibald Duff, Pastor of the Congregational Church in Sherbrooke, Quebec.
- Rev. Alfred Howson, Pastor of a Congregational Church in Lancashire, England.
- Rev. Joseph Anderson.
- Rev. Robert Robinson, Pastor of the Congregational Church at Owen Sound, Ontario.
- Rev. John Bowles, deceased, was Pastor of the Congregational Church at Chateauguay, Quebec.
- Rev. Charles Mackay, deceased, was Pastor of the Congregational Church at St. John, New Brunswick.
- Rev. N. McLeod, Pastor of a Church in Minnesota, U. S.
- Rev. R. Swinton, a Minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church.
- Rev. Henry Lancashire, supply of a Congregational Church near Saratoga, N. Y.
- Rev. David Savage, Jr., New Connexion Methodist, in Ontario.
- Rev. John Wood, Pastor of the Congregational Church, Brantford, Ontario.
- Rev. James Boyd, who labored for a time at London and Paris, Ont., and has since retired from the ministry.
- Rev. J. Gilbert Baylis, Pastor of an Independent Church, St. John, N. B.
- The students of the Congregational College of B. N. A. have successively become members of the Church since its removal hither in 1864, and have been dismissed by letter as they were ordained. Rev. S. N. Jackson, of Cote St. Paul, is still a member.
- Rev. Adam Lillie, D.D., Principal, and Professor of Theology and Church History, was a member of the Church from the above date until his death, October, 1869.

NAMES OF MEMBERS ON THE CHURCH-ROLL, MAY 10, 1871.

Alexander, Charles,	Blackader, Alexander, M.D.,	Dougall, Mary Ellen,
Alexander, Mrs.,	Bennett, Anne L.,	Dougall, Susan Grace,
Alexander, Mrs. Henry M.,	Black, James R.,	Duckus, Mrs.,
Archer, Agnes,		Dunkin, Mrs.,
Abbott, Mrs.,		Douglas, Alexander,
Ash, Mrs.,		Douglas, Mrs.,
Atkinson, Sarah Jane,		Dunn, Robert,
Alworth, John,		Dunn, Mrs.,
Auld, Sarah Jane,		Davis, Henry,
		Davis, Mrs.,
		Duff, Morell, M.,
		Dewar, Guy,
		Dewar, Mrs.,
	Craig, Mrs.,	
	Clark, J. P.,	
	Clark, Mrs.,	
	Cribb, Eliza Mrs.,	
	Cowan, Richard W.,	
	Cooper, William,	
	Cooper, Mrs.,	
	Carson, James,	
	Carson, Eliza,	
	Carson, Mrs. Andrew,	
	Chandler, Mrs.,	
	Cornish, Rev. George, M.A.,	Elworthy, W. G.,
	Chisholm, Alexander,	Elworthy, Mrs.,
	Chisholm, Mrs.,	Edwards, J. Baker,
	Cushing, Lemuel, Jr.,	Edwards, Mrs.,
	Cushing, Mrs. Lemuel,	Edwards, Fanny B. L.,
	Cushing, Charles,	
	Cochrane, Hugh,	
	Cochrane, Mrs.,	
	Cochrane, Annabella B.,	
	Cochrane, M. P.,	
	Cochrane, James M.,	
	Cochrane, Mrs. Alexander,	
	Cribb, Mrs.,	Fletcher, Mary,
	Cleve, Henry F.,	Fisher, Mrs. Dr.,
	Cantwell, Elizabeth,	Fenton, Mary Ann,
	Clarke, W. H. A.,	Ferguson, Mrs.,
	Clark, John W.,	Ferguson, Anne Jane,
		Findlay, Jonathan,
		Findlay, Mrs.,
		Findlay, Mary Ann,
		Foulds, John,
		Foulds, Mrs. John,
		Foulds, Mrs.,
		Fraser, Anne,
		Foot, George A.,
		Fraser, Mrs. Thomas,
		Fraser, Elizabeth,
		Fraser, Emma,
		Fowler, James,
		Fowler, Mrs.,
		Fitzpatrick, Mary,
Baker, John,		
Baker, Mrs.,		
Brooks, Cecilia,		
Beers, J. Crawford,		
Beers, Mrs.,		
Beers, Elizabeth,		
Beers, Johnston,		
Beers, Mrs. Johnston,		
Beers, George W.,		
Beers, Mrs. George W.,		
Baylis, James,		
Baylis, Mrs.,		
Baylis, Emma,		
Baylis, Elizabeth,		
Birks, Mrs.,		
Birks, Henry,		
Birks, Mrs. Henry,		
Birks, Frederick,		
Barton, J. C.,		
Barton, Mrs.,		
Barton, P. H.,		
Burton, Mrs. P. H.,		
Burgess, John,		
Bain, Ebenezer,		
Bain, Mrs.,		
Badenach, Mrs.,		
Butters, Daniel,		
Butters, Mrs.,		
Baker, Mrs. Percy,		
Brooks, Charles H.,		
Brown, Jonathan,		
Brown, Mrs.,		
Black, Alexander,		
Black, Mrs.,		
Benedict, Mary A.,		
	Dougall, John,	
	Dougall, Mrs.,	
	Dougall, John R.,	
	Dougall, James D.,	
	Dougall, Mrs. James D.,	
	Dougall, Janet E.,	

Forrester, Jane,
Fraser, Eliza,
Fisher, Jane,

Grafton, Mrs.,
Gridale, Benjamin,
Gurd, Mrs.,
Gurd, Charles,
Gurd, Mrs. Charles,
Gurd, Marianne,
Gurd, David,
Gaff, Ellen,
Gear, Mrs.,
Greig, Mrs.,
Goodhugh, William S.,
Goodhugh, Mrs.,
Garlick, Mrs.,
Gibson, John,
Griffith, Joseph,
Gordon, Mrs.,
Groneweg, Louisa Witta,
Green, Maria,
Gentleman, Anne,
Gibb, Mrs. (Rev. D.),
Gibb, Mary Bella,
Gibb, Elizabeth,
Gates, Marietta,

Hibbard, Mrs. P. V.,
Hutchins, Mrs.,
Hutchins, Alice,
Hibbard, Elizabeth,
Hart, Alexander,
Hart, Mrs.,
Hampton, John,
• Hampton, Mrs.,
Hampton, Amelia,
Horseman, John,
Horseman, Mrs.,
Haight, Jane E.,
Haight, Mrs.,
Haliday, Alfred,
Haliday, Mrs.,
Herring, Robert,
Herring, Mrs.,
Hutton, Mrs.,
Hibbard, Isaac S.,
Hibbard, Mrs. J. S.,
Hibbard, Sarah S.,
Heaverlind, Mary Ann,

Hersey, W. A.,
Harper, Mrs.,

Ireland, William,
Ireland, Mrs.,

Jackson, Joseph,
Jones, Mrs.,
Jones, Thomas C.,
Jones, Mrs. Thomas,
Jamieson, Robert C.,
Jamieson, Mrs.,
Jackson, Rev. Samuel N.,
Jacques, Gertrude,

Kirkpatrick, Andrew,
Kirkpatrick, Mrs.,
Kirkpatrick, Ellen,
Kapp, Mrs.,

Lyman, Theodore,
Lyman, Mrs. Theodore,
Learmont, Mrs.,
Learmont, Joseph, B.,
Learmont, Agnes,
Learmont, Jane F.,
Leeming, John,
Leeming, Mrs.,
Lyman, Henry,
Lyman, Mrs. H.,
Lyman, Roswell,
Lyman, Henry H.,
Lyman, S. Jones,
Lyman, Mary Jane,
Lavers, Jane,
Lay, Mrs.,
Lay, C. Elizabeth,
Lewis, David,
Lewis, Mrs.,
Luck, David,

Luck, Mrs.,
Leslie, Mary S.,
Leishman, Mrs.,
Linton, James,
Linton, Mrs.,
Linton, Mary,
Ludington, Mrs.,
Little, Mary R.,
Langwill, Annie,

Montgomerie, Mrs.,
Marshall, M. M.,
Moodie, William,
Moodie, Anne,
Moodie, Thomas,
McIndoe, Agnes,
Mills, Robert,
Mills, Mrs.,
Mills, Kate,
McDonnough, William,
McDonnough, Mrs.,
McDonnough, Sophia L.,
Mackay, Mrs.,
Massey, Mrs.,
Moore, Francis,
Moore, Harriet A.,
Moore, Emily,
Moore, Eugenia,
McLachlan, Mrs.,
McLachlan, Janet,
McLachlan, John S.,
McLachlan, Mrs. John S.,
McClellan, William,
McClellan, Mrs.,
McClellan, Alice,
Murray, John,
Murray, Mrs.,
McNaughton, James A.,
Montgomerie, Richard C.,
Montgomerie, Mrs.,
Morrison, John B.,
Mills, Mrs.,
Mills, Mary E.,
McLeod, Kenneth,
McLeod, Margaret,
Macdonald, Mrs.,
Macdonald, Susanna,
Mutch, John,
Macintosh, John,
Macintosh, Mrs.,
McKeand, Anthony,
McClure, James,
McClure, Mrs.,
McClure, Margaret,
Moir, Archibald,
Moir, Mrs.,
McGregor, Duncan,

Mumford, Charles,
Mumford, Mrs.,
McLaren, William,
McLaren, Mrs.,
Mooney, Walworth,
Mooney, Mrs.,
McKay, William,
Matthland, Margaret,
McPhie, Dugald,
McPhie, Mrs.,
Moore, William,

Nivin, William,
Nivin, Mrs.,
Neuberger, J. E. H.,
Nighswander, D.D.,

Perry, Mrs.,
Perry, George,
Perry, Mrs. George,
Perry, George, junr.,
Perry, William,
Perry, Mrs. William,
Perry, George,
Perry, Mrs. Alfred,
Primmer, Margaret,
Popham, John,
Popham, Mrs.,
Peebles, Jonathan,
Peebles, Mrs.,
Pennington, Virgil,
Palmer, Elizabeth,
Parker, Thomas,
Parker, Mrs.,
Patterson, William J.,
Patterson, Mrs.,
Patterson, William J. B.,
Phillips, Mrs.,
Pattison, Mrs.,
Plimsol, Grace,
Poliwka, Emile,
Parkyn, Mrs.,
Purkis, Mary L.,

Rodden, Mrs.,
Rodden, Frances,
Ritchie, John,
Ritchie, Mrs.,
Ritchie, Margaret,
Ritchie, Hugh K.,
Ritchie, Mrs. Hugh K.,
Ross, Isabel,
Reid, William,
Reid, Mrs.,
Radford, Mrs.,
Robertson, Thomas,
Robertson, Mrs.,
Robinson, Mrs.,
Rollins, Margaret,
Richardson, Henrietta,
Robertson, Mrs. (Rev. J.),
Robertson, Margaret,
Ross, William R.,
Ross, Mrs.,

Savage, Mrs.,
Sawtell, Maria,
Seath, Robert,
Seath, Mrs.,
Savage, Alfred,
Savage, Mrs. A.,
Stewart, Mrs.,
Sutherland, Mrs.,
Sutherland, Agnes,
Shapley, Thomas,
Shapley, Mrs.,
Scholes, Francis,
Scholes, Mrs.,
Savage, Albert B.,
Scantlion, Mrs.,
Scott, Mrs.,
Scott, Mrs. Edward,
Simms, Mrs.,
Stewart, Alfred,
Stewart, Mrs.,
Sharpe, Edward,
Spaulding, Abraham,
Spaulding, Mrs.,
Spaulding, Annie,
Sabine, Mrs.,
Sabine, Susan,
Sabine, May,
Storer, Charles,
Storer, Mrs.,

Taylor, Edward T.,
Taylor, Mrs. E. T.,
Taylor, James W.,
Taylor, Alice,
Toller, Mrs. (Rev. H.),
Trenholme, Mrs. N.,

Uiley, Charles,
Utting, Mrs.,

Vennor, Henry,
Vennor, Mrs.,

Wilkes, Rev. H'y, D.D., LL.D.,
Wilkes, Mrs.,
Wilkes, Cybella Day,
Wood, John,
Wood, P. W.,
Wood, Mrs. P.W.,
Wright, Edward,
Wright, Mrs.,
Wright, Elizabeth,
Wilson, George,
Wilson, Mrs.,
Wilson, Eliza,
Wilson, Mary,
Wilkes, John A.,
Wilkes, Mrs. John A.,
Watson, Mrs.,
Williamson, James,
Williamson, Mrs.,
Wilson, James,
Wilson, Elizabeth,
Walker, Mrs.,
Walker, Henry W.,
Walker, Mrs. H. W.,
Walker, Anne,
White, Fanny,
White, Emily,
White, Annie,
Whinton, Mrs.,
Watson, Alexander,
Wanless, John, M.D.,
Wanless, Mrs.,
Wanless, Agnina, S.,

Wanless, Violet R.,
 Warnock, John S.,
 Warnock, Mrs.,
 Warnock, Eliza,
 Williams, Mrs.,
 Woodley, Mrs.,
 Wilkins, Frank,
 Woodley, Charles, E. F.,
 Wallace, Robert W.,

Walker, W. S.,
 Wilson, Robert,
 White, Sophia,

Yelland, Maria.

On completing the Church Roll up to May 10, 1871, arranged according to the order in which the members were received in the first instance, without reference to subsequent removal and return, the following is found to be a nearly accurate table of the number at present in fellowship who were received during the several years from 1832 to 1871:—

<i>Of those received in</i>	<i>Now remain</i>	<i>Of those received in</i>	<i>Now remain</i>	<i>Of those received in</i>	<i>Now remain</i>
1832	4	1846	4	1859	7
1833	1	1847	2	1860	5
1834	5	1848	1	1861	19
1835	3	1849	1	1862	28
1836	5	1850	4	1863	46
1838	2	1851	20	1864	11
1839	6	1852	4	1865	7
1840	4	1853	4	1866	20
1841	2	1854	4	1867	17
1842	11	1855	4	1868	30
1843	4	1856	8	1869	20
1844	4	1857	13	1870	37
1845	2	1858	15	1871	15

APPENDIX A.

PLAN AGREED TO PRIOR TO THE DEDICATION
OF ZION CHURCH, AND CIRCULATED ON
THAT OCCASION.

The order of management in this building assumes the following basis :—

1. In the Christian Sanctuary, distinctions on account of relative measures of wealth or poverty ought not to have place.

2. It is the duty and privilege of *every one* who hears the Gospel, and who enjoys the benefits arising from the services of the sanctuary, to contribute, according to ability, towards its support. The *duty* is distinctly enjoined in the Word of God; the *privilege* appears in the fact, that such a course is connected essentially with the Divine blessing.

3. The utmost latitude should be afforded in the House of God for the admission of strangers and of all who desire occasionally to worship therein.

The plan agreed upon, and formed on the above basis, comprises arrangements as to the mode of contributing for the support of the institution, and others as to the mode of allotting pews and seats. They are as follows :—

Mode of Contribution.

1. An opportunity will be afforded, in the manner hereinafter provided, to all Members of the Church and congregation, (i. e., every communicant and every stated hearer,) of all ages and classes, to name the sum which *they purpose to contribute weekly* for the support of the Gospel in Zion Church. As the expenditure for a number of years will necessarily be very heavy, and as the weekly contributions will be the only method, according to the plan, of defraying it, there will be required much Christian liberality, as also perseverance, in the details of the system. Besides, it is hoped that the amount will be determined conscientiously, and according as God hath prospered the contri-

butor. Alterations can, of course, be made at the option of the subscriber, but until they are formally announced to the Trustees, they will calculate upon receiving the specified sum.

2. The contributors will, it is hoped, bring the amount up to the house of God weekly; but if any prefer a monthly or a quarterly payment of their weekly subscription their preference will be expressed and noted at the time of subscribing, and it is hoped that they will bring them at the date named. All contributions will be inserted as weekly. There can be little doubt that an offering thus brought up weekly to the sanctuary, "with the voice of joy and gladness," will prove much more of a religious act, "done in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," than is likely to be the case if the sum be paid as an ordinary mercantile account; and hence it may be expected to constitute a spiritually profitable part of Sabbath exercises.

3. The sums are to be wrapped up in a paper (to be provided by the Trustees, and labelled with the name of the contributor, in order to payment being checked) and then cast into the collecting-bag at either service of the Lord's day. It will be the duty of the trustees to collect any arrears of a month's standing, by promptly sending for them. Without promptitude and a regular system, the plan cannot possibly succeed.

4. Occasional collections in the church for missionary objects may not supersede the regular one

The other class of arrangements are made in order to prevent confusion, and the inconvenient division of families, as also to secure a list of hearers, for the two-fold object of spiritual superintendence and pecuniary contributions. This part of the plan, founded on the basis already mentioned, may be thus described:—

Mode of Allotting Pews and Seats.

1. Persons who, having attended Zion Church a few weeks, desire to continue such attendance, are respectfully requested to hand their names, their addresses, and the number of sittings they desire to occupy, either to one of the office-bearers, or to drop a card containing these particulars into the collecting-bag; whereupon the trustees will immediately proceed to allot according to the choice of such parties.

It is, however, to be fully understood, that pews and sittings

are allotted for *convenience only*, and that no right will exist, as it is believed there will be no desire, to disturb a stranger who may be in any seat before its ordinary occupant. At the same time, care will be taken, as far as possible, to point strangers to unallotted pews.

2. In every case of the allotment of a pew or a sitting, the intended occupant or occupants shall have the opportunity of naming the sum per week which they intend to contribute for the support of the Gospel, and whether they will pay weekly, monthly or quarterly (weekly being strongly recommended); matters to be carefully recorded in the proper book by the Trustees. At the same time it is to be understood that they are equally entitled to the seats they require, whether they contribute much or little, or decline to contribute altogether.

For further regulations of later date see page 34.

APPENDIX B.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ZION CHURCH, FORMING PART OF THE TRUST DEED.

The Members of the First Congregational Church, Montreal, conceiving it of vital importance to the maintenance of good order, and for the regulation of its spiritual and temporal affairs, that the duties and powers confided to its officers, the conditions on which as a religious body they hold their property, and the nature and extent of their rights, be fully defined and ascertained, and with a view to obviate any misrepresentation in respect thereof, do hereby adopt the following Articles; it being premised that all who are Members of the Church assembling in St. Maurice Street shall be deemed Members of Zion Church assembling in Ste. Radegonde Street, the Church Roll or Book kept by the Pastor to be in all cases the evidence of membership:—

1st. Every Member of the Church is entitled to attend and vote at every Meeting he'd for the election of any person or persons to any office relative to the direction and management of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Church; but no member shall have the right of voting for any Minister who shall preach,

uphold and maintain any doctrine subversive of or contrary to the following principles:—

“The Sacred Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are Divinely inspired and of Supreme authority.”

“The true and proper Deity, and the all-sufficient and vicarious atonement of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

“The personality and proper Deity of the Holy Spirit, and the indispensable necessity of His influence to bring a sinner to true repentance, to regenerate the heart, and to perfect our sanctification. Justification through faith in Christ, the final perseverance of all true believers to a state of eternal blessedness through faith in Christ and obedience to His commands, and the future and eternal punishment of the wicked.”

2nd. The Members of the Church shall regulate all matters and things relative to its spiritual affairs, appoint its Minister, who must preach, uphold and maintain the principles of faith and doctrine as set forth in the first Article, elect the Deacons, who must be elected by a majority of the whole number of members in fellowship, as set forth in Article 3rd, and determine who shall be received into fellowship or become a Member of the Church.

3rd. As it is important that power should exist in the Church to remove the Pastor or Minister, and Deacons, all or any of them, from office, it shall be competent to the Members of the Church, or a majority of two-thirds of the whole number in fellowship, at any time, so to remove all or any of them, it being understood and expressly provided that the Church Book kept by the Pastor, in which are enrolled the names of the members, shall be the evidence of membership, and that the majority shall be two-thirds of the members resident in the city and neighborhood, and that fourteen days public notice at the issue of Divine Service, or otherwise, shall be given of any meeting called for the purpose of considering such removal.

It is further understood and provided, that the written signature of the members not at the meeting shall be as valid as would be their vote there, and that exclusion from Church fellowship in the regular Order of a Congregational or Independent Church shall be held as also exclusion from office; and in the event of the temporary absence or illness of the Minister, it shall be the duty of the Deacons (should the Minister neglect or be unable to do so)

to procure some person to officiate during such his temporary absence or illness.

4th. Whenever any vacancy shall happen, by the resignation, removal, or death of the Minister, it shall be the duty of the Deacons, by notice, to convene a meeting of the Members of the Church within ten days, at which meeting a Committee of five (three to form a quorum) shall be chosen from among its members, by a majority of the votes of the members present, to take such steps as may seem to them best calculated for speedily obtaining, to fill the pastoral office, a Minister professing the principles recited in Article 1st; and when the Committee shall have succeeded in obtaining such a Minister, it shall be incumbent upon the Deacons to call a meeting of the Church without delay, and if the Minister so obtained be approved of, which shall be ascertained by the votes of a majority of at least two-thirds of all the Members of the Church resident in the city and neighborhood, the signature of those absent being as valid as a vote at the meeting, he shall be appointed to the vacant office.

5th. There shall be elected at a meeting of the members in fellowship, to be held in the month of December in each year, seven Trustees, who shall all be Members of the Church, three of said Trustees to form a quorum; should any vacancy in the number—seven—occur previous to the Annual Meeting of the Church, it shall be the duty of the remaining Trustees to fill up such vacancy, and it shall be competent to the members of the Church in fellowship, by a majority of at least two-thirds present, at a meeting convened for the purpose, of which fourteen days public notice shall be given, to remove from office all or any of the Trustees, and to appoint others in their stead.

6th. The Trustees who shall be appointed as stated in the preceding Article shall be and are empowered and qualified to hold all property belonging to the said Church, and more especially the lot of land in St. Radegonde Street, upon which the Meeting House is about to be erected, in trust for and to the religious uses and purposes of the said Church. They shall elect out of their number two persons to act as Treasurer and Secretary; they shall receive all moneys raised for the support of the Gospel, whether it be by subscriptions, collections, voluntary contributions, or leasing or letting pews and sittings, according

to whatever plan for raising funds for the support of the Gospel may be from time to time determined upon by a majority of the members in fellowship, assembled at meetings called for the purpose. They shall order all necessary repairs to the Chapel or Meeting House, but not make or cause to be made any material addition or alteration in or about the said Chapel or Meeting House unless thereto specially empowered by a majority of the Members of the Church present at a meeting or meetings duly convened for such purpose; they shall pay the interest on any debt secured on the building, defray charges for repairs, alterations, insurance, lighting and heating the house, and other current expenses of Divine worship, and all other matters thereto relating; they shall engage Door-keeper and Secretary, and they shall pay all salaries, wages and expenses connected with the Church, except the Pastor's salary, for which they will hand over a sufficient sum quarterly to the Deacons; and in general, faithfully and diligently administer all matters relating to the secular and financial affairs of the Church and congregation.

The Secretary elected by the Trustees shall keep the accounts of the Church; he shall also keep a regular account, in a book for the purpose, of all business meetings of the Church and Trustees, receive all communications for the Trustees, and call regular monthly meetings of the same; and lastly, the remainder of the funds, should there be any surplus after making all payments as before provided for, and retaining such a sum as shall be thought necessary for answering casualties, shall be applied, under the joint direction of the Pastor, Deacons and Trustees, in such manner as may be deemed proper.

7th. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer appointed by the Trustees, as provided for in Article 6th, to receive and pay out all moneys belonging to the Church, under direction of the Trustees, and to render a true and correct account, at a Church Meeting to be called for the purpose in the month of December in each year, of all moneys received and paid out by him during the preceding year; but he shall at all times, when required by the Trustees, furnish them with a statement of the funds of the Church.

8th. It shall be the duty of the Deacons of the Church to fix the salary of the Pastor, or Pastors, with the concurrence of the

members in fellowship, or a majority of them assembled at a meeting specially called for the purpose, to receive the amount of the same from the Trustees, and to pay it over in regular quarterly payments.

9th. In regard to granting the use of the building at such times as it may not be required for the use of the Church, it shall be the duty of the Deacons and Trustees to each elect one of their number annually, who, together with the Pastor, shall have full power to consider such applications, and grant the use of the building.

10th. It is expressly provided that no person contributing to the funds of the Church, or paying for occupying a pew or seat, shall have any right of property in the same.

11th. The Trustees of the said Church shall have full power and authority at any time to sell and dispose of the said tract or piece of ground and premises, and its appurtenances, or any part thereof; provided that it be so resolved and determined by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members in fellowship resident in the city, at or after a meeting to be convened as set forth in Article 3rd, for the especial purpose of considering the propriety of selling and disposing thereof, and provided that the proceeds of such sale shall be re-invested in such a manner as shall be determined by a majority of at least two-thirds of said members.

12th. All the affairs of the Church shall be conducted conformably to the foregoing Articles, until, at a meeting specially convened (of which fourteen days public notice at the issue of Divine Service shall be given) of the Members of the Church in fellowship, it shall be resolved by all the members present, or at least two-thirds of them, that any of the said Articles shall be annulled, changed or added to; but in no case whatever shall any annihilation or additions be made, if the same be contrary to the spirit and meaning of anything contained in the first Article, and the principles of religion contained therein.

APPENDIX C.

DECLARATION OF THE FAITH, CHURCH ORDER,
AND DISCIPLINE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL
OR INDEPENDENT, CHURCHES.

AS SET FORTH IN THE DECLARATION ADOPTED AT THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES, HELD IN LONDON, MAY 7TH, 8TH AND 10TH, 1833.

The Congregational Churches in Great Britain, frequently called Independent, hold the following Doctrines as of Divine authority, and as the foundation of Christian faith and practice.

They are also formed and governed according to the principles hereinafter stated.

Preliminary Notes.

1. It is not designed, in the following summary, to do more than to state the leading Doctrines of Faith and Order maintained by British Congregational Churches in general.

2. It is not proposed to offer any proofs, reasons, or arguments in support of the Doctrines herein stated, but simply to declare what the denomination believes to be taught by the pen of inspiration.

3. It is not intended to present a scholastic or critical confession of faith, but merely such a statement as any intelligent member of the body might offer, as containing its leading principles.

4. It is not intended that the following statement should be put forth with any authority, or as a standard to which assent should be required.

5. Disallowing the utility of Creeds and Articles of Religion as a bond of union, and protesting against subscription to any human formularies, as a term of communion, Congregationalists are yet willing to declare, for general information, what is commonly believed among them, reserving to every one the most perfect liberty of conscience.

6. Upon some minor points of doctrine and practice, they, differing among themselves, allow to each other the right to form an unbiassed judgment of the Word of God.

7. They wish it to be observed, that, notwithstanding their

jealousy of subscription to Creeds and Articles, and their disapproval of the imposition of any human standard, whether of faith or discipline, they are far more agreed in their doctrines and practices than any Church which enjoins subscription, and enforces a human standard of orthodoxy; and they believe that there is no Minister and no Church among them that would deny the substance of any one of the following Doctrines of Religion, though each might prefer to state his sentiments in his own way.

Principles of Religion.

I. The Scriptures of the Old Testament, as received by the Jews, and the books of the New Testament, as received by the primitive Christians from the Evangelists and Apostles. Congregational Churches believe to be Divinely inspired, and of Supreme authority. These writings, in the languages in which they were originally composed, are to be consulted, by the aids of sound criticism, as a final appeal in all controversies; but the common version they consider to be adequate to the ordinary purposes of Christian instruction and edification.

II. They believe in One God, essentially wise, holy, just, and good: eternal, infinite, and immutable, in all natural and moral perfections; the Creator, Supporter, and Governor of all beings and of all things.

III. They believe that God is revealed in the Scriptures as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and that to each are attributable the same Divine properties and perfections. The doctrine of the Divine existence, as above stated, they cordially believe, without attempting fully to explain.

IV. They believe that man was created after the Divine image, sinless, and in his kind perfect.

V. They believe that the first man disobeyed the Divine command, fell from his state of innocence and purity, and involved all his posterity in the consequences of that fall.

VI. They believe that therefore all mankind are born in sin, and that a fatal inclination to moral evil, utterly incurable by human means, is inherent in every descendant of Adam.

VII. They believe that God having, before the foundation of the world, designed to redeem fallen man, made disclosures of

his mercy, which were the grounds of faith and hope from the earliest ages.

VIII. They believe that God revealed more fully to Abraham the covenant of his grace; and, having promised that from his descendants should arise the Deliverer and Redeemer of mankind, set that patriarch and his posterity apart as a race specially favoured and separated to his service; a peculiar Church, formed and carefully preserved under the Divine sanction and government, until the birth of the promised Messiah.

IX. They believe that, in the fulness of the time, the Son of God was manifested in the flesh, being born of the Virgin Mary, but conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit; and that our Lord Jesus Christ was both the Son of man and the Son of God; partaking fully and truly of human nature, though without sin,—equal with the Father and “the express image of his person.”

X. They believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, revealed, either personally in his own ministry, or by the Holy Spirit in the ministry of his apostles, the whole mind of God, for our salvation; and that, by His obedience to the Divine law while He lived, and by His sufferings unto death, He meritoriously “obtained eternal redemption for us;” having thereby vindicated and illustrated Divine justice, “magnified the law,” and “brought in everlasting righteousness.”

XI. They believe that, after His death and resurrection, He ascended up into Heaven, where, as the Mediator, He “ever liveth,” to rule over all, and to “make intercession for them that come unto God by Him.”

XII. They believe that the Holy Spirit is given in consequence of Christ’s mediation, to quicken and renew the hearts of men; and that His influence is indispensably necessary to bring a sinner to true repentance, to produce saving faith, to regenerate the heart, and to perfect our sanctification.

XIII. They believe that we are justified through faith in Christ as “the Lord our righteousness,” and not “by the works of the Law.”

XIV. They believe that all who will be saved were the objects of God’s eternal and electing love, and were given by an act of Divine Sovereignty to the Son of God; which in no way interferes with the system of means, nor with grounds of human

responsibility, being wholly unrevealed as to its objects, and not a rule of human duty.

XV. They believe that the Scriptures teach the final perseverance of all true believers to a state of eternal blessedness, which they are appointed to obtain through constant faith in Christ, and uniform obedience to his commands.

XVI. They believe that a holy life will be the necessary effect of a true faith, and that good works are the certain fruits of a vital union to Christ.

XVII. They believe that the sanctification of true Christians, or their growth in the graces of the Spirit, and meetness for heaven, is gradually carried on through the whole period during which it pleases God to continue them in the present life; and that, at death, their souls, perfectly freed from all remains of evil, are immediately received into the presence of Christ.

XVIII. They believe in the perpetual obligation of Baptism and the Lord's Supper: the former to be administered to all converts to Christianity and their children, by the application of water to the subject, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;" and the latter to be celebrated by Christian Churches as a token of faith in the Saviour, and of brotherly love.

XIX. They believe that Christ will finally come to judge the whole human race, according to their works; that the bodies of the dead will be raised again; and that, as the Supreme Judge, He will divide the righteous from the wicked, will receive the righteous into "life everlasting," but send away the wicked into "everlasting punishment."

XX. They believe that Jesus Christ directed his followers to live together in Christian fellowship, and to maintain the communion of saints; and that, for this purpose, they are jointly to observe all Divine ordinances, and maintain that Church order and discipline which is either expressly enjoined by inspired institution, or sanctioned by the undoubted example of the Apostles and of Apostolic Churches.

Principles of Church Order and Discipline.

I. The Congregational Churches hold it to be the will of Christ that true believers should voluntarily assemble together to observe religious ordinances, to promote mutual edification and

holiness, to perpetuate and propagate the Gospel in the world, and to advance the glory and worship of God through Jesus Christ; and that each society of believers, having these objects in view in its formation, is properly a Christian Church.

II. They believe that the New Testament contains, either in the form of express statute, or in the example and practice of the Apostles and Apostolic Churches, all the Articles of Faith necessary to be believed, and all the principles of order and discipline requisite for constituting and governing Christian societies; and that human traditions, fathers, and councils, canons, and creeds, possess no authority over the faith and practice of Christians.

III. They acknowledge Christ as the only Head of the Church, and the officers of each Church under him as ordained to administer His laws impartially to all; and their only appeal, in all questions touching their religious faith and practice, is to the Sacred Scriptures.

IV. They believe that the New Testament authorizes every Christian Church to elect its own officers, to manage all its own affairs, and to stand independent of, and irresponsible to, all authority, saving that only of the Supreme and Divine Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ.

V. They believe that the only officers placed by the Apostles over individual Churches, are the Bishops or Pastors, and the Deacons; the number of these being dependent upon the numbers of the Church; and that to these, as the officers of the Church, is committed respectively the administration of its spiritual and temporal concerns—subject, however, to the approbation of the Church.

VI. They believe that no persons should be received as Members of Christian Churches but such as make a credible profession of Christianity, are living according to its precepts, and attest a willingness to be subject to its discipline; and that none should be excluded from the fellowship of the Church but such as deny the faith of Christ, violate His laws, or refuse to submit themselves to the discipline which the Word of God enforces.

VII. The power of admission into any Christian Church, and rejection from it, they believe to be vested in the Church itself, and to be exercised only through the medium of its own officers.

VIII. They believe that Christian Churches should stately

meet for the celebration of public worship, for the observance of the Lord's Supper, and for the sanctification of the first day of the week.

IX. They believe that the power of a Christian Church is purely spiritual, and should in no way be corrupted by union with temporal or civil power.

X. They believe that it is the duty of Christian Churches to hold communion with each other, to entertain an enlarged affection for each other, as members of the same body, and to co-operate for the promotion of the Christian cause; but that no Church, nor union of Churches, has any right or power to interfere with the faith or discipline of any other Church, further than to separate from such as, in faith or practice, depart from the Gospel of Christ.

XI. They believe that it is the privilege and duty of every Church to call forth such of its members as may appear to be qualified, by the Holy Spirit, to sustain the office of the ministry; and that Christian Churches unitedly ought to consider the maintenance of the Christian ministry in an adequate degree of learning, as one of its especial cares; that the cause of the Gospel may be both honourably sustained, and constantly promoted.

XII. They believe that Church officers, whether Bishops or Deacons, should be chosen by the free voice of the Church, but that their dedication to the duties of their office should take place with special prayer, and by solemn designation, to which most of the Churches add the imposition of hands by those already in office.

XIII. They believe that the fellowship of every Christian Church should be so liberal as to admit to communion in the Lord's Supper all whose faith and godliness are, on the whole, undoubted, though conscientiously differing in points of minor importance; and that this outward sign of fraternity in Christ should be co-extensive with the fraternity itself, though without involving any compliances which conscience would deem to be sinful.

REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1870,

*Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Church, held on
the Evenings of January the 8th, and February
the 1st, 1871.*

N. B.—The names of the Trustees and Committees elected, appear on
page 3.

PASTOR'S STATEMENT FOR 1870.

It has been thought only fitting that this Annual Report should contain some estimate of the spiritual condition of the Church throughout the year; yet to form an accurate judgment on a point like this is difficult, if not impossible, because of the many things which enter into a spiritual condition, and of the limited knowledge we possess of one another's interior life. Did we base our judgment on such fruits of a devout spirit as are exhibited in a reverential manner in worship, and the giving attention to the ministry of the word, it would be favourable. If on regularity and extent of attendance at one service of the Lord's Day, it would be the same; but, making liberal allowance for many who, because of duties in the Sunday-School in the after-

noon, or of evangelistic labors on Sunday evening, cannot attend the second service,—if our estimate depended on that service, it would be less favourable. I attach great importance, in a fair estimate, to the remarkable spirit of harmony in the new and wholly untried position of needing to choose and to call a pastor. This indicated much prayerfulness, and no little anxiety for and love of the Church and cause of Christ. On the other hand, a less favourable estimate would be justified by the attendance during the year at our weekly prayer-meeting, and at the lecture on the Friday evening prior to the Communion. Compared with the present number in fellowship, the former times in such particulars, were better than these. But the gathering into the Church of so many of the young members of our families—the general spirit of brotherly affection and forbearance exhibited—the fervent expressions of love for this Church-home which those who have left us have uttered—the instances of consolation in the midst of trials, of great comfort and support by means of the services of the sanctuary, and of calm faith and peace in death, which have cheered us throughout the year, turn the balance on the hopeful side, and induce us to “thank God and take courage.” I am not sufficiently informed to estimate aright our *giving of substance* during the year, yet is it an element in the spiritual condition of a Church. At least, we hope that in the maintenance of this Church institution, in the support of Christian work, denominational and catholic, and in the furtherance of benevolent institutions and work, you have done what you could. If in any measure mistaken in this hope, we will entertain another; namely, that the coming year will find you giving regularly, as God hath prospered you. He only knows our hearts. May He bring us nearer to Himself and make us more intelligent and devoted.

HENRY WILKES, D.D.,

Pastor.

REPORT OF ZION CHURCH, 1870.

The past year, of which the Deacons and Church-Committee have now to submit a General Report, is to be reckoned among the most momentous in the history of this Church ; for it has seen the close of an active pastorate, that, in respect of honour, efficiency, and usefulness, ranks much above the average of pastoral life and work. The severance of a tie of so sacred a character as that should be which connects pastor and flock, is a step that in no circumstances should be lightly esteemed or taken. But when that bond has endured, through sunshine and gloom, beyond the limits of a generation of men, and has, moreover, been invariably characterized by mutual confidence, respect and affection, its dissolution must prove an epoch in a church's life, to be regarded with more than ordinary concern. On a retrospect of the past thirty-four years, very much is to be found of a character to temper this concern with devout gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the guidance, growth, and usefulness vouchsafed to us under the ministry and oversight of our esteemed pastor. And from this education and exercise of the Church's gifts and graces during the past, we may, God helping us, fairly indulge in sanguine anticipations of future usefulness and blessing. The Office-bearers, in placing on record this inadequate but well-earned testimony to the Christian fidelity, zeal, and efficiency of a pastor who has for so many years laboured in life and doctrine among us, feel sure that they are expressing the feelings and convictions, not of themselves only, but of every individual member of the church and congregation ; and that all will unite with them in the fervent desire and prayer that the relationship which is henceforward to subsist between senior pastor and people may long endure, and may, with advancing years, be marked by riper esteem and affection, mutually, on the part of the one for the other.

In the report of a year of such unusual interest, it is fitting that the events which led to this change should find

a place of record. Early in the year, your Deacons and Committee came to the conclusion that the time had arrived for taking definite and decisive steps to secure an Assistant-Minister; and, accordingly, they reported to the Church a recommendation to this effect. Of this recommendation the Pastor expressed his approval; and, after giving a sketch of his thirty-four years' pastorate, he stated that in coming to Canada, he had in view the interests, not only of Zion Church, but also of the denomination at large. He further informed the Church that he had just received a joint nomination of the College Board and of an influential Committee of Ministers and laymen in Ontario, for the office of Principal of the College, on the condition of his being relieved of the more active duties of the pastorate, so soon as this could be done without detriment to the interests of this Church. And as there was a moral certainty that this action would be sustained by the Corporation of the College in June, he further intimated his intention of accepting the office, should he be elected on the condition set forth, and with the further proviso that it did not involve the formal severance of the tie that had so long and so happily subsisted between him and his people. The whole matter was remitted to the Deacons and Committee to take action on the same, and report progress from time to time. At the Church-meeting for April, the Church was informed of the cordial concurrence of the Committee of the Col. Mis. Soc'y in the joint nomination of the Pastor to the vacant office in the College. The Pastor then stated that, in consequence of the resolution now read, and of the nomination of the College Board, and of the Western Committee, should the Church consent thereto, he had made up his mind to accept the nomination, retaining such pastoral duties as might not be incompatible with the work of the College. He then retired; and the Church, after due consideration, adopted unanimously the following resolutions:—"That in consequence of the desire expressed that Dr. Wilkes should be appointed to the office of Principal of the Cong. College, the Church approves of his acceptance of the nomination, and agrees to release him from such portion of his pastoral work as would interfere with college duties." And further:—"That \$1,000 *per annum* be paid to Dr. Wilkes on his appointment to the office of Principal of the College, and

retirement from the more active duties of the pastorate: it being understood that the College will supply the balance of his present salary." By the unanimous appointment of the Pastor to the said office in the month of June, these resolutions came into effect on and after July 1st, 1870.

And here may appropriately be recorded some interesting memoranda, furnished by the Pastor, of his past ministry in this church. The pastorate began on the first Sunday of October, 1836, and from that date down to December, 31st, 1870, there were received into the church:—

On profession,	548
By letter,	536
	1,084

There have been 446 Marriages, 863 Baptisms, and 583 Burials. In the same space of time the changes in the membership of the church have been as follows:—

Members deceased	109
“ dismissed by letter	441
“ dropped from roll, as per Resolution of September, 1848,	63
“ excluded from Fellowship	21
	634

The Deacons and Committee held frequent conferences on the important business entrusted to them, and after very careful consideration of the same in all its bearings, they, on the 25th of May, presented a report to the Church to the effect that as Messrs. Henry Lyman, J. P. Clark, and Hugh Cochrane were about to visit Britain, they should be requested to make all possible enquiries, and ascertain, as far as practicable, the qualifications of ministers and graduates likely to suit for the office of Associate Minister, and report to the Church as soon as possible, and that Professor Cornish should be requested to accompany them, at the Church's expense. The following gentlemen were asked to co-operate with this deputation:—The Rev. W. L. Alexander, D.D., Edinburgh, the Rev. A. Hannay, London, and Mr. J. C. Lonsdale. Your deputation soon found the task assigned to them to be beset with graver difficulties than had been anticipated. These arose, mainly, from the scarcity of eligible mini-

sters, and the greatly enhanced salaries now paid to such. Hence, it appeared only too probable that the mission would prove a failure, so far as its immediate object was concerned, and the deputation reported accordingly to the Church. But, as a last resort, they inserted in the *English Independent* an advertisement, calling attention to the position of the Church. This led indirectly, and by an unknown agent, to the name of the Rev. Charles Chapman, M. A., of Bath, being suggested as of one likely to answer the requirements of the Church. Enquiries were at once made, and afterwards communication was opened with Mr. Chapman, which in their successive stages were of such a favourable character as ultimately to warrant the recommendation of Mr. Chapman as one well-fitted to take the active pastoral oversight of the Church. Without committing itself to hasty action, the Church favourably received this recommendation, and instructed the Pastor, in conjunction with a Committee, to write to Mr. Chapman on certain points on which it required further information for its guidance. This was freely and cheerfully given by Mr. Chapman, and proved all that could be desired. The time had now come when the Church could take definite action, and, accordingly, after notice duly given, at a special meeting held Oct. 12th, the Church, by a very large and unanimous vote, resolved to give a call to Mr. Chapman to assume the pastoral care and oversight, which that gentleman has accepted. All the terms and details and correspondence necessary to such a transaction, are carefully and fully entered in the records of the church. Thus ended a business in which it becomes all to recognize the guiding hand of God, in answer to much prayer; and, from the harmony and unanimity therein displayed, to augur well for the future. And whilst thankfully remembering the past, let all resolve to do each his part to make the future transcend even it in the spiritual power, harmony and usefulness of this church in this city, and in this land.

Up to July 1st, the Pastor did full work. Since then he has, for the most part, preached once, sometimes twice, on Sunday. He has also attended to the sick, and performed the duties of minister in baptisms and burials, and has presided at prayer-meetings, and meetings of the deacons and committee. The systematic visitation of the church and congregation, and the

Pastor's Bible-class, are, of necessity, in the present circumstances of transition, to a large extent kept in abeyance. The Sunday morning congregation has been at least up to the average of former years. In the evening, the attendance of strangers has been larger, but that of members has not been satisfactory. The numbers at the Weekly Prayer-meeting, and also at the Preparatory Lecture, have been below the former average. These facts present abundant material for grave reflection and examination on the part of those among us who, it is to be feared, without adequate reason, are almost habitually absent from their places in the House of God.

The statistics of the present state of the membership have been made up to the date of Dec. 31st, and therefore include three months of 1869. They are as follows:—From Oct. 1st, 1869, to Dec. 31st, 1870:—

Admitted on profession	26	
“ by letter	29	
	—	55
Dismissed by letter	31	
Names dropped from roll	4	
Excommunicated	2	
Deceased	8	
	—	45
Increase	10	
Add the members of the E. Branch	21	
	—	31

The membership is now 450.

The condition of the Amherst street Church, under the faithful ministry of the Rev. John Fraser, is hopefully improving. Mr. Fraser was engaged to labour there for the term of one year, in the hope that at the end of that time the mission would be in such a strengthened state, as to warrant its organization into a church, with Mr. Fraser as its permanent pastor.

During the five months of Mr. Fraser's pastorate, five persons have been received into the Church by letter, and nine now stand recommended for fellowship on profession, to be received at next church meeting. The financial affairs of the Mission will be given in the report of the Treasurer.

The Deacons and Committee, however, are now most happy to state, that at their meeting last evening they received a deputation from the Mission, with proposals for immediate organization on a basis quite approved by them, the details of which will be communicated to the Church at its next meeting.

They are greatly encouraged to hope that its organization as a separate church will give it a degree of character and permanency which it never could have possessed as a mission; while the success of Mr. Fraser's pastorate hitherto leads them to hope for considerable accessions from outside, and increased spirituality and harmony within.

And here it might not be inappropriate to say that the cause there requires helpers, who would be willing to assist in much-needed mission work in that quarter; and, while by no means wishing to dictate to the brethren, it might be a matter of duty for those of us who intend removing in May, to consider the claims of the new church on their services, before deciding on the locality of their residence.

In the month of March, the Church unanimously elected three additional members to the diaconate to fill up vacancies—viz., Messrs. Baylis, Ritchie and Cornish. On their acceptance, these brethren were inducted into the office.

It is matter for thankful acknowledgment of God's mercy, and for congratulation to his family and friends, that our dear brother, Mr. Vennor, has been raised up from the severe and threatening sickness with which he was stricken nigh unto death, in the month of May last. During the many years of his connection with this Church, and especially in its early difficulties and struggles, his persevering efforts and wise counsels proved of great value, for which the Church is under no small obligation to him. In accepting his recent resignation of the office of church secretary, it is only right that the Church should place on record this testimony to the value of his past services.

On a review of the events and progress of the past year, there is much to be discovered of a character to call forth humble and devout gratitude for the good hand of God that has been upon us, to bless and guide us in critical circumstances that might otherwise have been fraught with trouble and discord. In a brotherhood so large, with such diversities of gifts and opinions,

and with so much freedom in the expression of these, to be enabled to decide in matters of paramount importance to the Church's life with harmony of views and unanimity of action, is surely no small blessing. For all this it behoves us to thank God, and address ourselves to the work still before us, as a Church of Christ, with fresh vigor and renewed consecration to Him "Whose we are and Whom we serve."

In consequence of the important matters with which this Report deals, it is recommended that it be printed for circulation among the members of the Church.

Signed on behalf of the Deacons and Church Committee,

GEORGE CORNISH,

Church Secretary.

Montreal, January 16th, 1871.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1870.

THE BUILDING.

Owing to the excellent state in which the Building and its surroundings were when your Trustees came into office, little has been required to be done in the way of repairs, &c.; yet some requisite repairs have been made, and some improvements added, at a small cost, leaving nothing, apparently, to be done in these respects, except the Class Rooms, which, for financial reasons, have been deferred.

ACCOMMODATION.

In the body of the church, there is only one small pew unoccupied, while in the galleries there is still accommodation for 150 people. Now, as we hope there may be a large accession to the congregation after Mr. Chapman's arrival, we would respectfully suggest that some occupying pews down stairs, may be induced to remove to the galleries, so that some of the best pews in the church may be made available for the new-comers.

BAZAAR.

Your Trustees beg to express their sincere thanks to the ladies of the church and congregation, whose untiring labours were crowned with deserved success in the results of the Bazaar held by them in October last, realizing the large sum of about \$1,400, by which amount the floating debt of the church has been reduced; and your Trustees, remembering with gratitude this and former efforts of the ladies in this important matter, earnestly desire their future co-operation, feeling

assured that in whatever manner they may undertake their object, they will be successful.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

From the Treasurer's statement it will be seen, that the past year exhibits the largest ordinary receipts, as well as the largest ordinary expenditure of any year in the history of the church, but so nearly balanced, that until finally closed it cannot be ascertained whether the balance will stand at the debit or the credit side of the account.

NEW SUBSCRIPTION-LIST.

As announced on New Year's Day, your Trustees are now engaged in renewing the subscription-list, which had become necessary owing to the irregularities arising from the many changes in the congregation since the re-opening of the church, and also by the very heavy additions to current expenses which will arise from the new arrangements made in respect to the pastorate. Thus far they have met with enough encouragement to justify the hope that the increased expenditure will be met; but they deem it only right to say that they think the well-to-do and wealthy portion of the congregation should largely furnish the needed increase. The Trustees have knowledge of the fact that in smaller and poorer congregations in the Dominion, there are individual contributions very much larger than the largest received by your Board.

AMHERST STREET CAUSE.

Special attention is also called to the amount required for the Amherst Street Church. Including the interest of the debt on that building, the Treasurer has paid during the year about \$800 over and above the proceeds of the four quarterly collections made for the purpose. These collections will be continued as heretofore, but your Trustees have felt the importance of an effective canvass on behalf of this interest also; and the very promising aspect of this cause leads them to hope that they will meet with such a response that hereafter the increased quarterly collections will be sufficient to relieve the church from so heavy a drain on its resources.

Your Trustees feel that they cannot more appropriately close this report than by congratulating you on the happy settlement of a question which has so long occupied your thoughts—the co-pastorate; and while thanking the Giver of all our mercies for bringing this matter to a successful issue, they earnestly pray that it may be fraught with a rich blessing to us all, and incite us to a more faithful and loving devotedness to the service of our Lord and Master.

The whole respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

CHAS. R. BLACK,

Chairman.

ROBT. MILLS,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Zion Church, in account with P. W. Wood, Treasurer, Jan. 1871.

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Balance from last Report		\$ 21 67
To Cash paid Pastor's Salary	1,700 00	
" " Pulpit Supply	200 00	
" " Part of Expense of Deputation to England, Ocean Telegrams, &c.	233 88	2,133 88
" " Gas Accounts	111 71	
" " Fuel Accounts, including 1869	160 00	
" " " " 1870	271 43	543 14
" " Sexton's Salary	260 00	
" " Sundry Repairs, Cleaning, &c.	160 43	
" Improvements	56 88	477 31
" " Music Committee, including Balance on Cost of Organ		454 50
" " Insurance		72 30
" " Interest, 1869	146 00	
" " " " 1870	763 15	909 15
" " Sundry Outstanding Accounts		777 53
" " On account of Eastern Church, exclusive of In- terest		997 95
" " Repaid Mrs. J. P. Clark		850 00
Balance on hand		4 76
		<u>\$7,242 19</u>

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By Collection in January	\$332 62	
" February	316 26	
" March	305 26	
" April	415 77	
" May	345 00	
" June	213 23	
" July	328 80	
" August	210 72	
" September	319 84	
" October	371 74	
" November	319 06	
" December	508 15	
Sundry Subscriptions since received	816 18	\$4,804 13
Four Quarterly Collections for Eastern Church		331 01
Donations to Building Fund of ditto		7 00
Proceeds of Sale of Hymn Books		26 25
Rent of Building		8 00
Net Proceeds of Bazaar		1,457 10
Temporary Loan from Mrs. J. P. Clark		600 00
Amount refunded on Account overpaid		8 70
		<u>\$7,242 19</u>

Examined and found correct, April 5, 1871.

J. C. BARTON,
WM. J. PATTERSON.

Summary of the foregoing Statement.

Ordinary Income of 1870, including about \$150 of arrears.....		\$4,804 13
Quarterly Collections in aid of Eastern Church		331 01
Ordinary Expenditure, including improvements on Zion Church property	\$3,962 78	\$5,135 14
In aid of Eastern Church, including interest	1,172 95	5,135 73
Extraordinary Income from Ladies' Bazaar.....	1,457 10	
Sundries	49 95	1,507 05
The amount of the Church's indebtedness in January, 1870, was estimated to be \$11,650. It proved to be nearly		11,750 00
Of this amount the Eastern Church assume.....	2,500 00	
There has been paid off during the year a fraction over.....	1,500 00	4,000 00
Present indebtedness, exclusive of interest accruing, but not yet due		7,750 00
The estimated Expenditure for 1871 is as follows:—		
For Zion Church.....		5,150 00
For Eastern Church, ordinary.....	800 00	
Special, being for improvements made on Building prior to their organization as an independent Church.....	100 00	900 00
		6,050 00

There is thus an increase of \$1,000 in current income required, of which three-fourths has been secured in the new Subscription List, so far as complete.

P. W. Wood, in account with the Ladies of Zion Church.

By Cash at door, \$67 39; Tickets sold, \$72 80		\$ 140 19
Proceeds of Refreshment Table		150 00
Cash received from Mrs. Wilkes	212 65	
" " Miss Cochrane	82 78	
" " Mrs. Kapp.....	48 02	
" " Mrs. Learmont.....	149 00	
" " Mrs. Leeming & Walker.....	125 00	
" " Miss Dougall	65 00	
" " Mrs. McLachlan	75 00	
" " Mrs. Williams	48 75	
" " Mrs. Black	84 00	
" " Mrs. Baylis	100 00	
" " Miss White	61 30	
" " Mrs. J. A. Wilkes	25 78	
" " Young Ladies' Association	60 00	
" " Miss Hibbard	41 40	
" " Fruit and Flowers	20 01	
" " Miss Spaulding	15 95	1,214 94
Donation from the Young Men's Association	10 00	
" " Mrs. Alexander	23 00	
" " Mr. Storer	50 00	83 00
To Cash paid:—		\$1,588 13
Rent of Mechanics' Hall	30 00	
Labour, cartage and sundries	32 34	
Advertising	17 50	
Sundry Expenses, Refreshment Table	28 99	
Flowers, &c.	16 20	131 03
Balance paid Treasurer of Zion Church		1,457 00
		\$1,588 13

SUMMARY.

Local Church Efforts.

Zion Church and Amherst street	\$6,610	
Charity Fund, \$45; Fellowship, \$282; Sunday-school, \$98	125	

\$7,065

Special and Extraordinary:

Shaftesbury Hall	5,885	12,950
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Denominational.

Congregational College.....	730	
Canada Cong. Miss. Soc'y	670	
Indian Mission	120	
Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$50; Sundries, \$200		1,720
Special for Education. (McGill University).....		3,800

Foreign Missions.

Am. Board, L. M. S., & A. M. As.....	574	
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Catholic and Benevolent Objects.

French C. Miss'y Soc'y, &c.....	666	
Bible Soc., \$206; Can. S.U., \$70; Hospital, \$80	356	
Young Men's As. \$473; Infants' Home, \$70	543	
Deaf Mute, \$500; Chaboillez Square, \$100.....	600	2,165

Total..... \$21,209

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
1870.

Your Committee rejoice that at the close of another year they are able to present so satisfactory a report as the one they now make. Not only do the numbers of scholars attending the various schools compare favourably with those of last year, but the efficiency with which each school has been conducted has greatly tended to a marked improvement in the matter of regular and increased attendance on the various meetings established in connection with the several schools; and this, doubtless, has had its influence in the awakening and leading so many to enquire the way of salvation—the end and aim of Sabbath-school instruction.

During the year, your Committee prepared and printed for the use of the schools a collection of hymns which has proved very acceptable and useful in the conduct of the singing. The expenses for the year have amounted to \$249.55; the income, \$98, of which \$65 was the annual collection from Zion Church, and \$30 was a donation from the Zion Church Young Men's Association, in aid of the Zion Church S. S. Library. Further contributions are urgently asked for.

ZION CHURCH SCHOOL.

In this School an effort was made to visit all the families of the church and congregation, to ascertain whether all who could were attending the school, and although this has not, as yet, been fully carried out, the results have been most encouraging and satisfactory.

The various classes have been, especially during the latter half of the year, well and regularly supplied with teachers.

The Library has been re-arranged, and 246 vols. added, the weekly issue being at present about 100. During the first quarter of the year the children voted away for missions the sum of \$220, the collections of the two previous years. They have now on hand for the same objects, \$207, which will, in like manner, be appropriated at their next missionary meeting.

AMHERST STREET SCHOOL.

This school presents a most favourable report. Greatly weakened in numbers by the withdrawal of the troops, the teachers, with commendable energy, entered upon a regular and thorough visitation and canvass for scholars among the families of the neighborhood, re-organized the classes, introduced improvements in singing, blackboard exercises, &c.; organized a week-evening night-school for secular instruction, and by these and other means have succeeded in adding 83 new names to their school-roll. During the year \$18.80 have been collected by the children for missionary objects.

The Library needs additions and improvements which it is hoped will be shortly made.

MOUNTAIN STREET SCHOOL.

This school has laboured under great disadvantages. For six months deprived of their own place of meeting, they found shelter, through the kindness of a friend, in the Des Rivieres street School-house. Notwithstanding these adverse circumstances, the number of scholars remains about the same; and now, in the comfortable and commodious quarters offered them in the News-boys' Home, the teachers expect to grow rapidly in this respect.

100 vols. have been added to the Library.

The following are the principal statistics of the schools:—

Name of School.	Teachers on Roll.	Scholars on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Am't. Cont. for Missions.	Vols. in Library.
Zion Church	49	315	220	\$ 150 40	740
Amherst street	18	150	89	18 80	245
Mountain street	12	86	45		350
Total	79	551	354	\$ 169 20	1335

It is thus evident that, in material matters, good progress has been made; but it is with reference to the spiritual interests of the schools that your Committee feel especially encouraged in their work. Ten of the scholars of the Central or Zion Church School have, during the year, united with the Church, on profession of their faith, and there is every reason to hope that others in the school are anxious for their souls' welfare. Five from the Amherst street school have, during the same period, either united with the Church, or now stand proposed for membership on profession of their faith.

Death has not visited any of the Schools except Mountain street, and from there took away a young disciple, whose end was peace.

Your Committee submit this report, earnestly seeking the prayers of the Church on their behalf, and on that of those committed to their charge, and recommend the following as office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

President—REV. DR. WILKES. *Vice-President*—HENRY VENNOR, ESQ.
Secretary-Treasurer—L. CUSHING, JR.

ZION CHURCH SCHOOL.

Supt.—MR. THEODORE LYMAN. *Asst-Libs.*—MESSRS. LEWIS & A. BIRKS.
Secretary—L. CUSHING, JR. *Infant Class*—MISS WHITE.
Librarian—F. WOODLEY. *Bible Class*—HENRY LYMAN, ESQ.

AMHERST STREET SCHOOL.

Superintendent—MR. ALBERT B. SAVAGE.
Secy.-Treas.—MR. FRED. BIRKS. *Asst. Librarian*—MR. SUTHERLAND.
Librarian—MR. SEATH. *Visitor*—MR. FREELAND.

MOUNTAIN STREET SCHOOL.

Superintendent—MR. JOHN RITCHIE.
Librarians—MESSRS. R. McLACHLAN, ARCHIBALD TAYLOR.

Respectfully submitted.

LEMUEL CUSHING, JR.,
Secretary.

LADIES' MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

With grateful praise to the "Giver of every good and perfect gift," we present this year's report, which is chiefly a record of home mission work; for, with the exception of giving \$50 to the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, and \$25 to the Labrador Mission, all our interests have been directed to the Amherst Street Mission.

The Day-School was closed the last week of December, 1869, by a social meeting and examination of the pupils, which gave proof of their great improvement under Miss McKenzie's care. During two years and a half, 330 children have been enrolled for different periods of time, and we believe much good has been done in and through them. It was with general regret that the school was given up; but feeling satisfied it has prepared the way for further good by gaining for us the confidence of the parents of our scholars, we thankfully continue our work. In January Miss McKenzie engaged with us temporarily as Bible-woman for the Amherst street district, and with the assistance of two ladies, worked faithfully, visiting families, arranging for children to go to the Government School, and holding Mothers' Meetings once a week. In February, Miss McKenzie formed an evening-class for some of her former pupils, who were at work through the day. This class opened with 10 and closed in April with 17 pupils. In March, 49 families were visited, 28 children sent to the Government School, we paying for 3 of them, and 5 induced to attend Sabbath-School.

As it was found that 41 of our former scholars were not attending any school, and that the Government School was full, we requested Miss McKenzie to open a morning class, which she did, from 15 to 23 attending. In April we asked Miss McKenzie to engage permanently with us; but were disappointed by finding she had just made other arrangements. We then applied to Mrs. Picard, a member of Amherst Street Church, who for sometime has been working as Bible-woman in another district, but found she could not make any change during the absence of her superintendent. Miss McKenzie was obliged to leave us on the 1st of May, and as no one else offered, we sought and secured the services of Mrs. Brown, who kept up the morning class, visitations and Mothers' Meetings until the middle of July, when she left us on account of the illness and death of her husband. During September, the Mothers' Meetings were carried on by various friends, and on the 1st of October Mrs. Picard began her duties as our Bible woman. The Mothers' Meetings are made social as well as religious, and have been a marked blessing to several, and as time goes on, we trust the number and interest will increase, and the quiet effort prove as did the "leaven which a woman hid in a measure of meal." At the first, as well as at subsequent meetings through the year, it has been suggested that we ought again to direct our attention to foreign missions. An appeal from India has reached us through Dr. Mullens, who assures us that we shall receive regular information of any one we aid through the London Missionary Society. A few years ago we erred in overlooking the needs of home; but now that a thorough and well-established work is being carried on, the question arises—Ought we not to help more than our neighbor? By enlarging the number of our benefactions, should we not both confer and receive larger blessing, and obey the word, "Freely we have received let us freely give?" It will require greater faith and exertion to carry

out this suggestion; but shall we not go from "strength to strength?" With thanksgiving for the past and strong faith for the future, let us enter our new year.

ANNIE J. SAVAGE,
Secretary L. M. A.

DECEMBER 9, 1870.

Ladies' Missionary Association of Zion Church Treasurer's Account.

Balance from 1869.....	\$ 25 48
Subscriptions as per list	247 85
Fees from Scholars.....	2 39
Paid for School Books	2 00
" by "Mothers" for Garments.....	1 50

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By Paid Teacher and Bible-Woman's Salary.....	\$124 50
" Government School Fees.....	2 00
" School Feast, Christmas, 1869	1 20
" Cleaning School-Room	6 50
" Current Expenses of "Mothers' Meetings".....	12 50
Material for sewing at "Mothers' Meetings".....	6 15
Labrador Mission.....	25 00
Canada Congregational Missionary Society.....	50 00
Balance on hand.....	51 37

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ANNIE J. SAVAGE,
Treasurer L. M. A.

REPORT OF ZION CHURCH YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Executive Committee have much pleasure in presenting a brief report of the work of the Association for the past year, and in doing so, entertain the hope that it has been of some value to the Church in drawing the young men of the congregation in closer bonds of friendship and brotherhood; trusting, also, that its influence may be more felt and extended for the future than it has been in the past.

The annual meeting for the election of officers was held on the 22nd of September last, and resulted in the following selection—viz.: President, W. S. Goodhue; 1st Vice-President, Dr. W. George Beers; 2nd Vice-President, J. M. M. Duff; Secretary and Treasurer, W. S. Walker; Committee, Messrs. J. M. Cochrane, Chas. Cushing, R. W. Wilson, T. C. Jones, Arthur Birks, R. W. McLachlan and Geo. S. Kennedy.

The meetings were carried on fortnightly until the month of May

last, when they were discontinued during the summer months, and were again resumed on the 15th of September; since that time the meetings have been held weekly with increased attendance and interest.

Our influence has extended beyond the young men of our own congregation, for our weekly meetings have frequently been honoured by visits from persons connected with kindred associations in the city; and we sincerely hope that such fraternal visits may be continued and further encouraged, that by such means one another may be stimulated in this work of mutual improvement.

During the past year, a large number of able and instructive papers have been prepared and read by the members, embracing topics of a social, political and scientific character, which have been pretty freely discussed and criticised.

A series of debates has also taken place, mostly bearing upon questions that have been agitating the public mind in our own and other countries, in which all of the members present have generally participated. Some of these debates were made public, but very few of the older members of the congregation outside of the Association ever attended. These discussions have been conducted, as nearly as possible, on parliamentary principles. Readings and recitations from the best authors have likewise formed a large part of the exercises of our meetings. Means are to be adopted by which every member will be required to take part in the various exercises that may come up. All our meetings are opened and closed with religious exercises.

A number of conversaziones have been given by the Association in the Lecture Room, and have been very largely attended; and we are of the opinion that they have not been without their benefit in bringing the Members of the Church and congregation together in a more social capacity, as well as being improving and instructive.

Early in November, application was made to the Association by some of the members connected with the Amherst street congregation, for assistance to carry on a free night school in that locality. The matter was at once taken in charge, and a night school opened, with an attendance of 40 scholars the first night. There are over 60 names upon the roll, with a regular attendance of about 35. The school is held on Tuesday evenings from half-past seven to nine o'clock, during which time instruction is given in Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography. We have every reason to believe that this free school will prove a blessing to the people of that locality, and the cause of the Great Master.

The total membership on the roll of the Association is about 84. The regular attendance at the weekly meeting averages about 25. Many of the young men of the congregation are never seen at our meetings.

We feel that little interest has been taken in the Association by the older members of the Church. We believe that if our meetings were more frequently attended by the officers and others connected with the

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Church, that we would be nerved to greater activity and zeal. We seek to enlist the sympathy and countenance of every member of the Church, and to unite all young men of the congregation with us, and thereby become a power for good. The prosperity of the Church, we feel, depends, in a great measure, upon her young men.

Our record shows that we have not been idle—that our mission has not been a failure. True, we have not done all we could wish, but we have done something to aid ourselves and benefit others; and from the measure of success with which our past labors have been crowned, should gather fresh strength for the mission before us. We have laid another year in the tomb of its fathers. Let us gather wisdom from its experience, strength from its achievements, and inspiration from the thought that we fight beneath the banner of Him who is the source of all Light and Truth.

Submitted on behalf of the Association.

W. S. WALKER,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LADIES' DORCAS SOCIETY.

The undersigned begs to briefly submit her report of labours in behalf of the Society.

The efforts of Mrs. Patterson and Miss Fenton were liberally responded to by gentlemen who sent in a variety of articles of much service a portion of which was made up by ladies, who met every Wednesday afternoon during the fall and winter. The remainder was given to needy families of the Church, the Dorcas Society of Amherst street Church, to be distributed among needy families and members of the Sabbath and day schools; also the Mountain street school, to be disposed of in like manner.

Amount of subscriptions received to date,.....	\$23 75
“ paid as per list,.....	10 27

Balance in hand.....	13 48
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Subject to order of the Society still in operation.

E. F. RODDEN,
Sec. and Treas.

MONTREAL, 13th Jan'y, 1871.

REPORT OF MUSIC COMMITTEE.

During the former year the Music Committee agreed to recommend to the Church the adoption of the Weigh House Church collection of Music, with the intention to make the selections from it for the use of the public services of the Church as far as practicable, and a number of them were imported from London to enable the Congregation to supply themselves at cost price. The experiment has not, however, proved successful, and the Committee of Selection have been under the necessity of availing themselves very frequently of the music in their manuscript selection.

The want, therefore, of a complete book of Music, Chants, and Selections remains as yet an unattained desideratum.

If a book shall be published for Zion Church, with the view to supply the Churches generally of our denomination, the only practicable mode is probably by private subscription.

A practice-meeting for the Congregation has been often discussed, but there does not appear to be much promise of accomplishing an object so desirable, as such a means would, doubtless, prove to promote congregational singing.

If all those who would agree to devote one evening in the week to the purpose of learning new tunes, chants, &c., would send in their names to Mr. Nivin, Choir-Master, satisfactory arrangements could be made for the vigorous prosecution of this most delightful and desirable exercise.

During the autumn, the Committee consented to the introduction of select Scripture Sentences in lieu of the usual organ voluntary at the opening of the public Church services, but as there appeared to be some misunderstanding in regard to them, on the part of several persons, they thought it advisable to withdraw them until the voice of the Church shall be clearly expressed upon the subject.

The service of song has been maintained with great efficiency, and general acceptance, during the year, under the joint management of Mr. Alexander as organist, and Mr. Nivin as Choir-Master, and the thanks of the congregation are due to those officers, and to the members of the Choir; for their excellent services.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

HENRY LYMAN, *Chairman.*

ZION CHURCH, January 18th, 1871.

REPORT OF CHARITY FUND.

1869.		
Dec. 25.	To Balance	\$66.00
"	To Collection, Zion Church	\$45.83
		\$51.83
	By Disbursements including \$25 Annual Subscription to House of Refuge.....	\$43.50
	Leaving balance on hand of	\$08.33

CHARLES ALEXANDER,
Treasurer.

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